CHAPTER 1:
MOMENT OF
THE SNARL
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..HAS COME TO LEND AID TO GIN!

MUSASHI THE TOSA..

PATHETIC! DO IT! KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!
YOU AIN'T WORTH SHIT!!

GRR!!
UAAGH!

MUSA -SHI!

HEY, OVER HERE!
JOHN! JOHN, IS THAT YOU?!

BOTH OF YOU GET OUT OF HERE!
AKAME! JOHN!

WE'RE PROFES-SIONALS!
LEAVE THE FIGHTING TO US!

GRR!!

GRR!
WHO IS THAT ASS-HOLE.?!
AAH!

DON'T MOVE! LOOK THIS WAY!
HEY!
GRR!
!?
!!
HUH ?

..AND I'LL RIP HIS NECK OPEN!
DON'T MOVE! ONE MORE STEP THIS WAY..
KURO-TORA..!
YOU PIECE OF SHIT..!!
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YOU'LL REGRET THIS!
HOW LOW CAN YOU GET, YOU SCUMBAG 2!
SILEN-CE!
DON'T WORRY YOUR-SELVES WITH ME! 7"
FIRSTLY, YOU'D BETTER GET THAT DAMN TOSA TO RELEASE MY FOLLOWERS!
SHUT UP!
UGH!
.....

DAM-
MIT..!
GUAH!

YEAH!
YOU'VE DONE IT NOW..
YOU BASTARDS ..!
SHOW NO MERCY! ENJOY RIPPING THEM UP!
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? HURRY UP AND KILL ALL OF THEM!
THIS IS BAD.

I'D RATHER DIE THAN LIVE IN SUCH DISGRACE!
YOU DAMN FOOLS!
SHUT UP!
YOU THINK US KAIS WOULD BE HAPPY WITH THIS?!
WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOING.?!
GIN, FIGHT THEM! KILL ALL OF THEM!
JOHN!

YOU SON OF A BITCH!
UAAGH!
GUAH!
!!
FUCK YOU!
EEK!

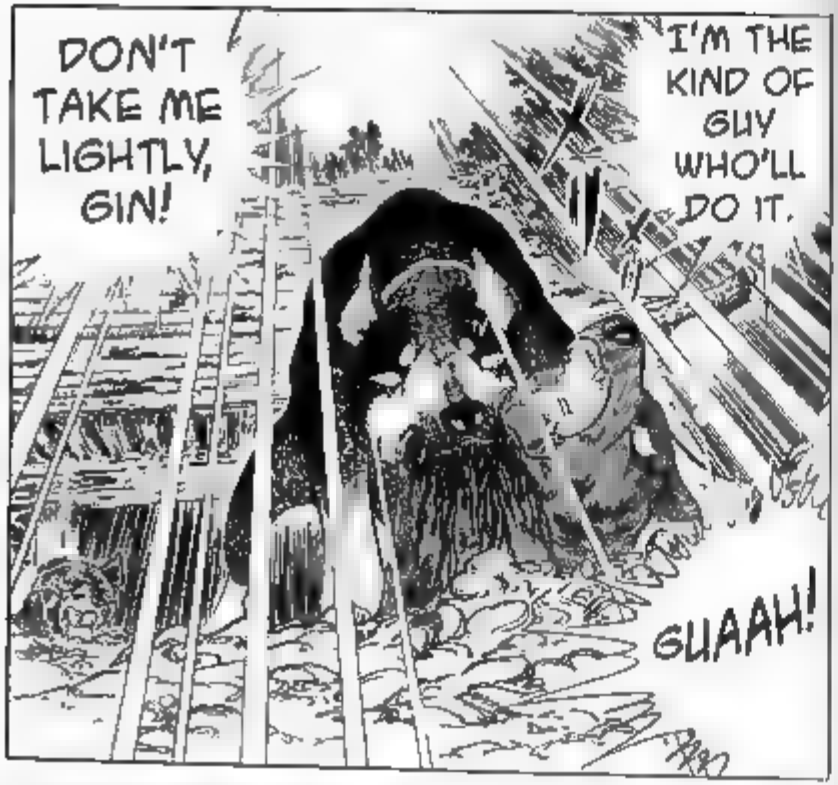
GRR!
GRR!
WE'RE SITTING TARGETS.. BUT WHAT CAN I DO?!
IT'S NO USE.. AT THIS RATE WE'LL ALL BE KILLED.

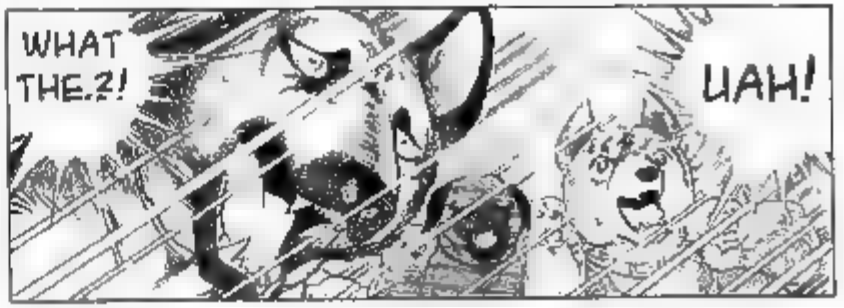
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR DEATHS!
I'M SO SORRY, KAIS!

IF WE OPPOSE, WE'RE GONNA GET THEM KILLED!
GIN, ARE YOU SURE?!
THEY'LL DIE LIKE FIGHT-ERS!
YES, IT CANNOT BE HELPED!
NO!
AAH!

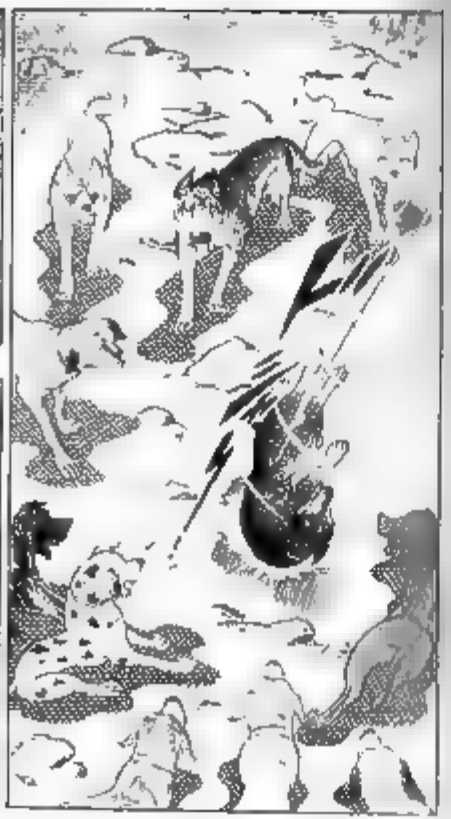
GRR!
GYAH!
YIPE!
AUGH!

ENOUGH! IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?!
K..KAIS..!


DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY, GIN!
I'M THE KIND OF GUY WHO'LL DO IT.
GUAAH!


WHAT THE..?!
UAH!

HA?



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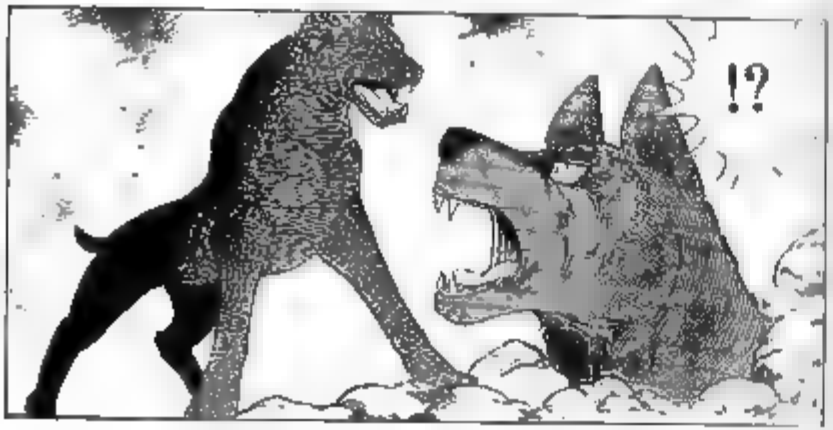
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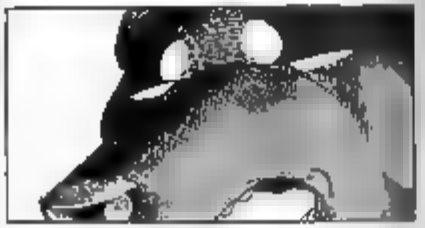
I CAN'T LET SUCH COWARDICE OCCUR WITHIN MY OWN HOME.
SNIPER, YOU'RE A RESPECTED GUEST TO ME, BUT..

HAHA.. DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY.
THAT'S RIGHT. TRYING TO FACE ME WITH SO FEW OF YOU WOULD BE LAUGHABLE.

THEY CAME HERE TO ATTACK, BILL!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!



WE DON'T WANT A WAR.
NO.

YOU

BILL, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

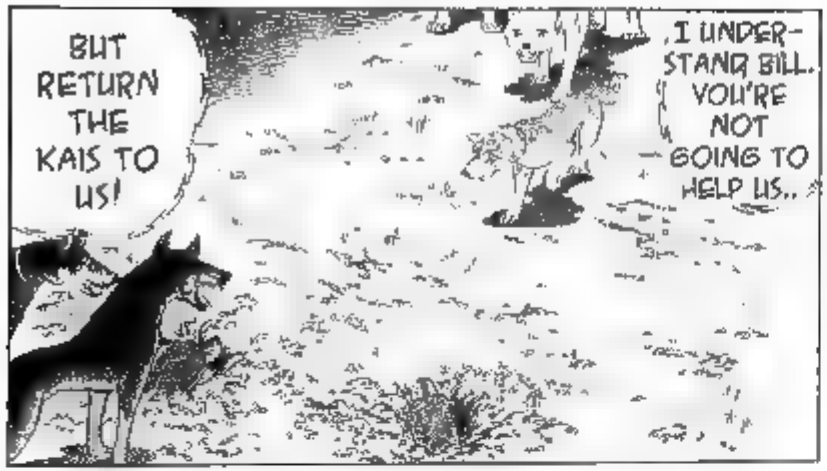
MUSASHI, HOLD ON A MOMENT!
WAIT, STOP!

I COME FROM OHU IN HONSHUU. I'M GIN.

YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT IT, BRAT. I WON'T LET ANYBODY TAKE SHIKOKU!
HEH.. SNIPER TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.

BUT IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T CLEAN UP THIS MESS, SHIKOKU'S GOING UNDER.
I HEAR YOU, BILL..

THIS PLACE ISN'T THE FIGHTING RING DON'T FORGET THAT
SPARE ME THE LECTURE, MUSASHI.


WE SWAM THE OCEAN TO GET HERE. DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND WHY?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? THAT'S NOT OUR INTEN-TION AT ALL.

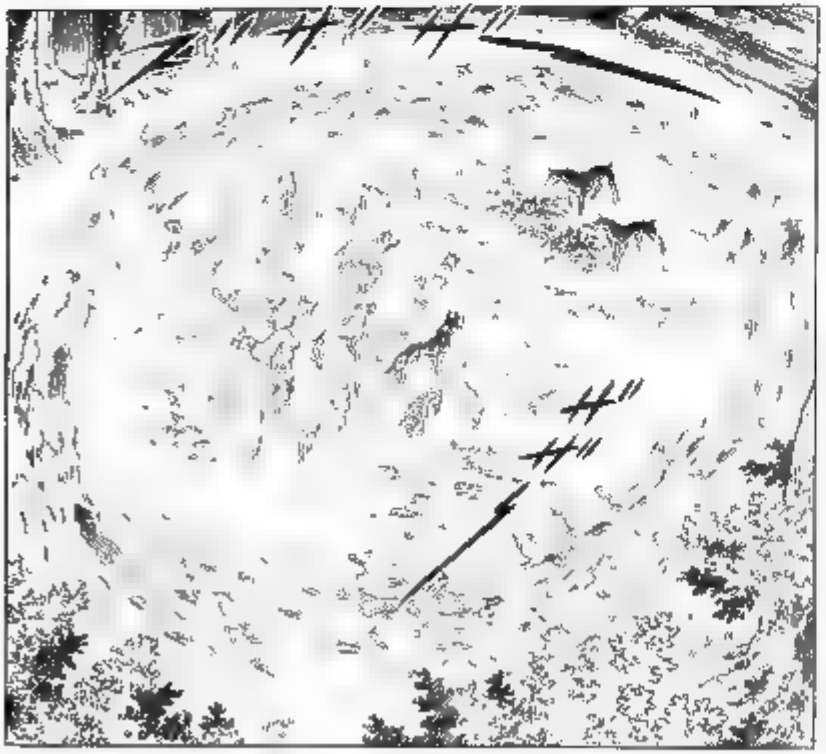
EVEN A DOG OF SHIKOKU IS TAKING THEIR SIDE?!
WHAT.? MUSA-SHI..

..A REGULAR VAGA-BOND.
YOU REALLY ARE..

DO IT, GIN! DON'T LET THIS ASSHOLE NOR SNIPER FEEL MERCY!
WE DON'T NEED SOMEONE LIKE HIM FOR OUR GOAL! BEN WOULD NEVER FORGIVE HIM!

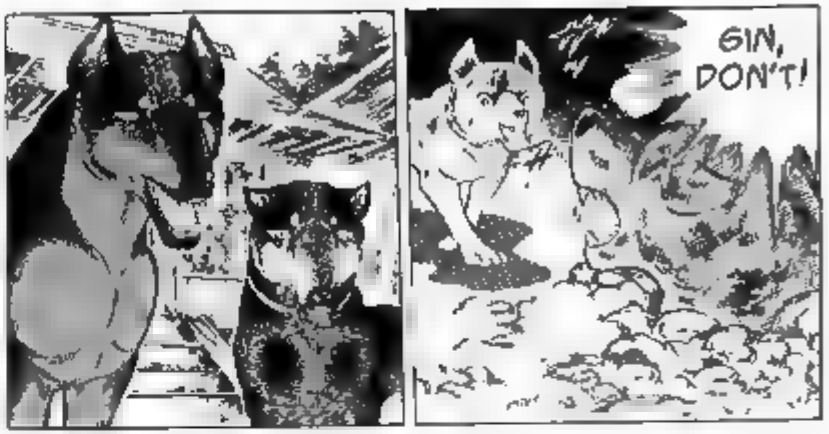
GET RID OF THE PATRIO-TISM, BILL!
SHIKOKU OR HONSHU, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO US!

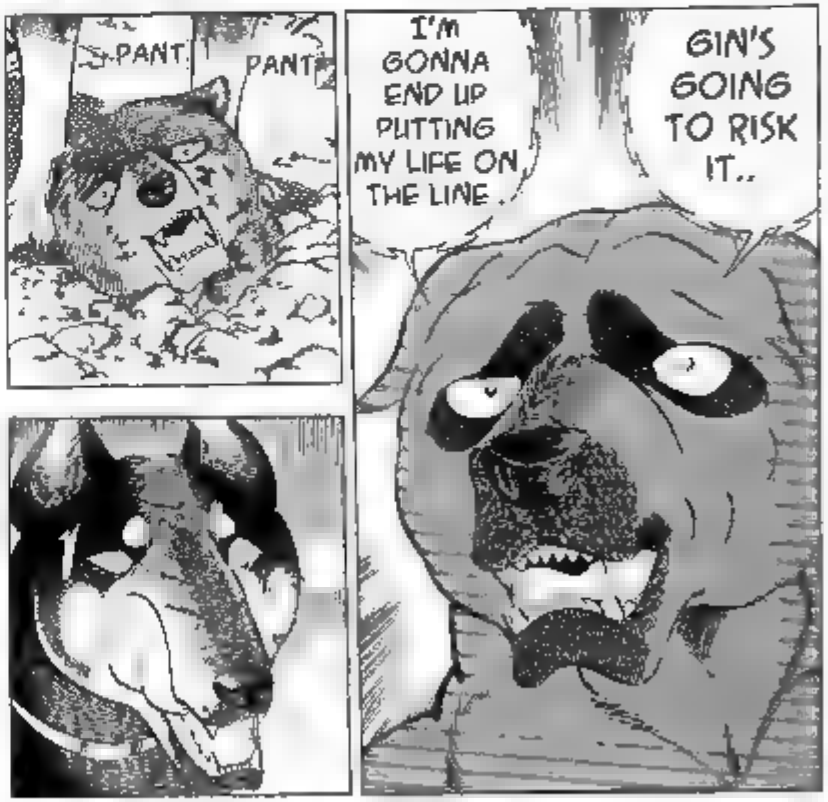
BUT RETURN THE KAIS TO US!
.I UNDER-STAND BILL. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP US..



BASTARD..!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT US!
DON'T COME CLOSER, GIN!

I'M TALKING TO BILL, NOT YOU!
SNIPER, YOUR COMMANDS HAVE NO AUTHORITY HERE.
IF I EVEN SEE YOU TRY TO DIG THEM OUT, I'LL RIP THEIR NECKS OPEN!
GET THE HELL BACK!


GIN, DON'T!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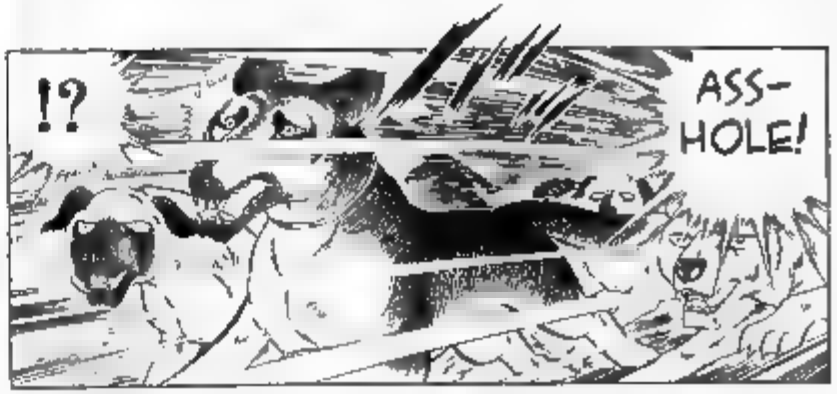
I'M GONNA END UP PUTTING MY LIFE ON THE LINE.
GIN'S GOING TO RISK IT..

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US! WE WANT TO DIE AS SOLDIERS!
DON'T TALK ABOUT THINGS YOU CAN'T CHANGE!
ALL OF US SHOULD HAVE COME WITH YOU..
KAIS, I'M SORRY. YOU COULD HAVE BEEN K'LLED BECAUSE OF ME..

THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL IF WE FAIL OUR COMRADES!
BUT I JUST REALI-ZED.

LO-?
GRR!
GIN!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ASS-
HOLE!

BOSS!
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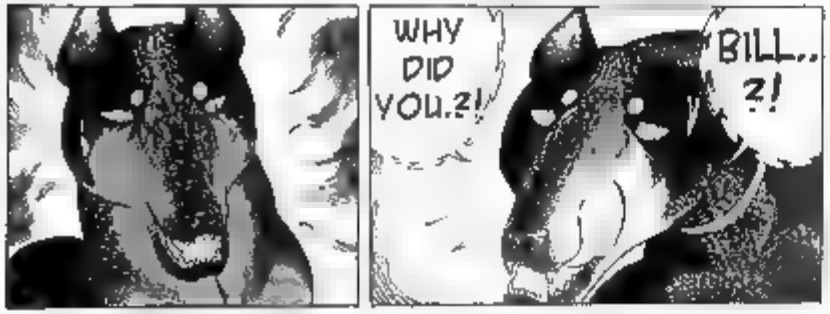

WHY
DID
YOU..?!
BILL..
?!

DOBER-
MANNS LIKE
YOU MAKE
ME EMBAR-
RASSED TO
BE ONE.
YOU'RE A
SHAMEFUL
GUY.
YOU'RE
DEPLOR-
ABLE

HH HH

BILL, HEY!!
AAH!

I'M KNOWN AS VAGABOND BILL. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR REAL WARRIORS TO MATCH ME
SIN, IS IT.? I UNDERSTAND YOUR SPIRIT VERY WELL

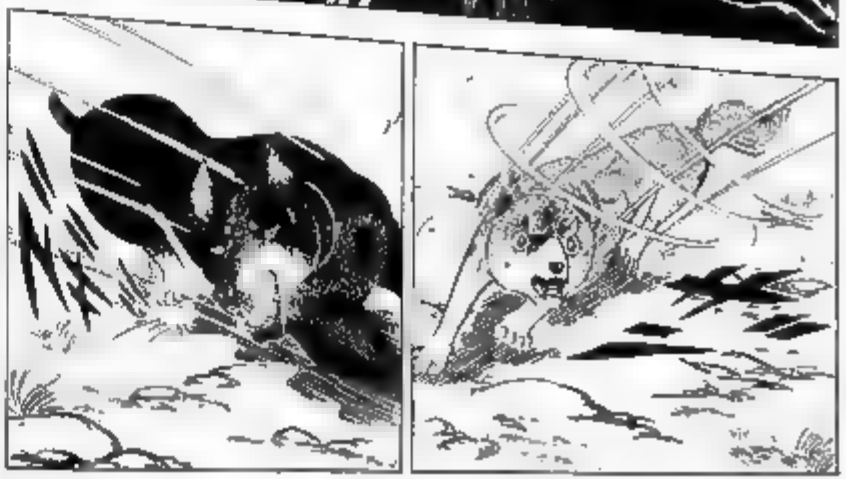
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
GENERAL, THIS TIME..

UH...

HEY, BILL! DON'T FOOL AROUND! COME ON!
BILL, YOU ASSHOLE! AREN'T YOU GONNA HELP ME?!

YOUR TWENTY TOSAS ARE NOTHING! I DON'T NEED THEM FOR WHAT I HAVE PLANNED!
YOU BASTARD! YOU'VE LOST YOUR GUTS!
HOW UNFOR-TUNATE, SNIPER

VAGABOND BILL HAS BECOME A DAMN COWARD!
YOU'RE LAUGH-ABLE, BILL!



SNIPER, WE WON'T ALLOW SUCH INSULT TO THE BOSS!
SHUT UP YOU SHITS!
NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY GUTS!
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT!
SNI-PER.?
..WHAT WILL YOU DO.
..WHAT WILL YOU DO
HEH.

I'LL MASSACRE ALL OF YOU..!!
I'LL PUT ALL OF YOU IN YOUR PLACE..
GOT SOME BALLS, THOUGH.
A LITTLE HARD TO BELIEVE.
HEH.. BY YOUR-SELF?
WE SETTLE THIS NOW!
NO DOUBTS.

HUAH!
NO! WE CAN'T LET HIM LIVE!
WAIT, ALL OF YOU!

..FROM THE BEGIN-NING!
AS I INTEN DED.
BASTARD!
YOU'LL EAT THOSE WORDS!

YIPE!
WOW, YOU'VE DONE IT NOW!
AAH!

UAH!

SEE YA, IDIOTS!
SEIZE HIM! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
DAMMIT! HE'S RUN FOR IT!

DON'T MOVE!
WAIT!
I WON'T LET YOU INTIMIDATE ME! YOU'RE NOT CROSSING THROUGH MY TERRITORY!
SHUT UP, MUSASHI!
HEY, BILL! GET YOUR FOLLOWERS OUT OF THE WAY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU'RE IN THE WAY!

WHAT'S THAT?
AAH ..!!
WHEN DID HE.?!
IT'S GIN!

WHETHER YOU'RE A TOSA OR RIK. OF OHU, YOU'RE NOT WELCOME IN MY TERRITORY!
SHUT UP! THIS IS MY TERRITORY!
MOVE! HE'S ESCAPING!
DON'T START FOOLING AROUND!
YOU FOOL!
AAH.. HE'S GETTING AWAY!
NO, IT'S BEST IF WE DON'T. IF WE FIGHT WITH THEM NOW, THEY'LL BE READY TO START TAKING VICT
WHAT'LL WE DO, MUSASHI? DO WE TURN ON ALL OF BILL'S FOLLOWERS?

GAH!

I CAN'T EXCUSE A GUY LIKE YOU!
I WON'T ALLOW IT!

NO MATTER HOW GOOD HE IS THOUGH, YOU'LL STILL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF MY TERRITORY.
THAT KID'S GOOD. HE CHASED AFTER HIM ALL ALONE.

DON'T GO RUNNING OFF! SHOW ME THAT YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT OF A DOBERMAN!
LISTEN, SNIPER! I'LL STOP MY FOLLOWERS!

WE'RE SETTLING THIS TODAY!
I'M READY ANY TIME. PREPARE YOURSELF!
WHAT?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE PREPARING YOURSELF, GIN!
HAHA, SUITS ME FINE!
YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH!
COME BACK, GIN! I'LL FIGHT FOR YOU!

YIPE!

KILLING YOU IS AS EASY AS KILLING A BABY..!!
YOU MAKE ME LAUGH, GIN! THOUGHT YOU COULD OUTDO ME,?!
I ABSO-LUTELY WON'T..!
I WON'T LET YOU, SNIPER!
AAH!
GIN ..!!

BRAT, YOU'RE ABOUT AS THREATEN-ING AS A FLOWER!
!!
GIN ..!!

WHERE'S THE AMAZING LEADER BEN2!
HAHA.. WHAT HAPPENED TO BEN2!

..BUT I UNDERSTAND BEN JUST APPROVED YOU AS A FIGHTER AND ADDED YOU TO HIS PLATOON!
HAHA.. YOU'RE SUCH A CLUELESS LITTLE SHIT..

HE'S STRONG..! THERE'S NO OVERPOWER-ING HIM..!

YOU HAVE SOME DAMN NERVE
I'M THE REAL DEAL HERE. YOU WENT AGAINST ME.

AH ..!!

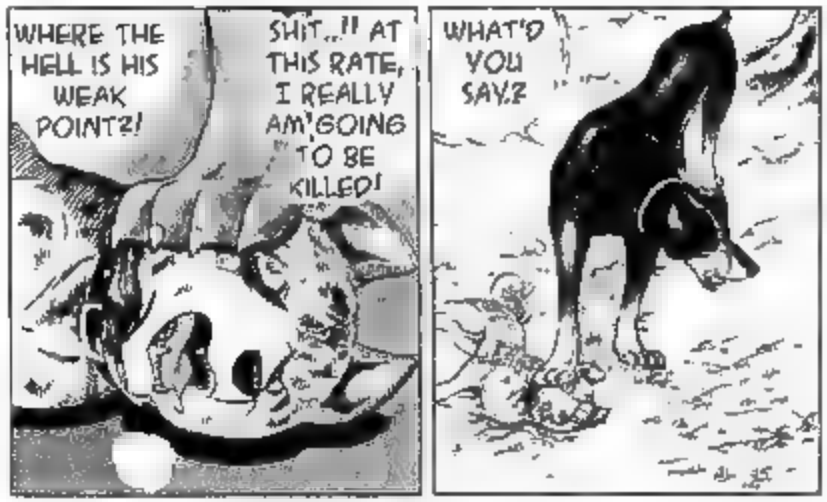
COUGH
GAH!

HUH?! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
!?

STOP THOSE BASTARDS! DON'T LET THEM GET A STEP CLOSER TO WHERE SNIPER IS!
AKAME, LET'S GO!
SHUT THE HELL UP! ENOUGH OF THAT BULLSHIT, SNIPER!
INTERFER-ING BASTARDS! WE'LL KILL EVERYBODY IN THE WAY!
MOVE! GET OUT OF THE WAY, ASSHOLES!

I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THAT STAYS. LET HIM SETTLE THIS!
IT WAS BEN'S CHOICE TO MAKE GIN THE LEADER.
WHAT?!
HOLD ON A MOMENT, JOHN!

WHAT.?! THAT LITTLE KID IS THE LEADER?


WHERE THE HELL IS HIS WEAK POINT?!
SHIT..!! AT THIS RATE, I REALLY AM GOING TO BE KILLED!
WHAT'D YOU SAY.?

HE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT HIS WISDOM IS CLEAR AMONG US.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INFORMED YET.. EVERY-BODY HERE RECOGNIZES GIN AS THE LEADER

I'VE BEEN BACK 3 DAYS AND DIDN'T KNOW!
HE MAY BE TALENTED BUT YOU REALLY THINK THE OTHERS THINK THAT.?
YOU'RE SOFT, AKAME..
DO YOU THINK REALLY I CAN ACCEPT HIM AS THE LEADER TOO?

ISN'T NOW THE BEST CHANCE FOR HIM TO PROVE HIMSELF AS THE LEADER.?
HE'S BEEN WAITING TO PROVE HIMSELF THE TIME IS NOW.

GIN, GET UP! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT BEN SAID?!
I, SNIPER-SAMA, WILL TEAR THIS LITTLE SHIT TO PIECES!
WATCH WELL, ALL OF YOU!

IF HE LOSES TO SNIPER, THE EXTENT OF HIS POWER WILL BECOME CLEAR, WON'T IT?
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, HE'S STILL THE ONE THAT BEN CHOSE.
HE'LL BE KILLED.
BEN CHOSE YOU AS THE LEADER,?! HAH..!!
WHAT A GOD DAMN OUTRAGE YOU? THE LEADER.?

YOU DIDN'T LISTEN, AKAME! I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
NO, STOP ..!
BEN.. DAI- SUKE..!
HELP ME..!

THIS IS A LESSON FOR ALL OF YOU!
GO TO HELL, BRAT!!

GIN
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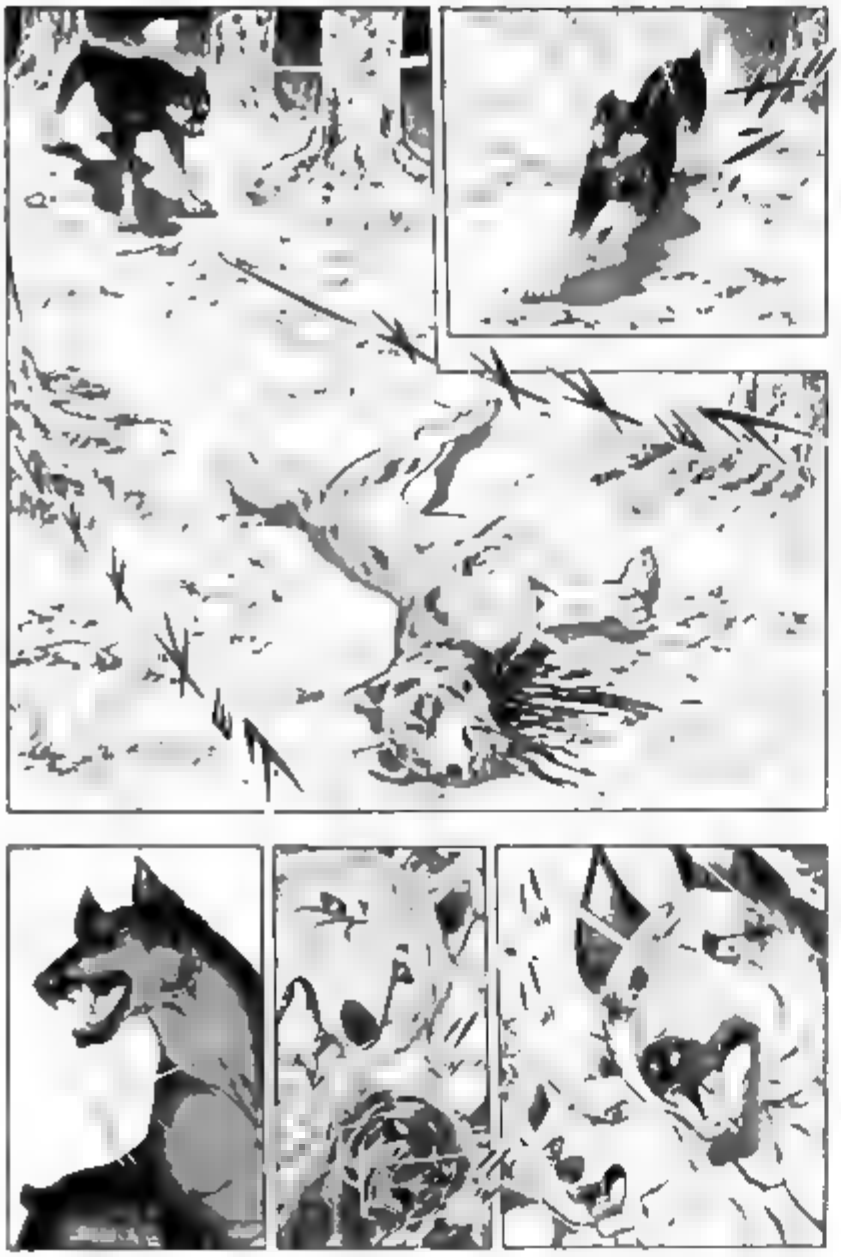
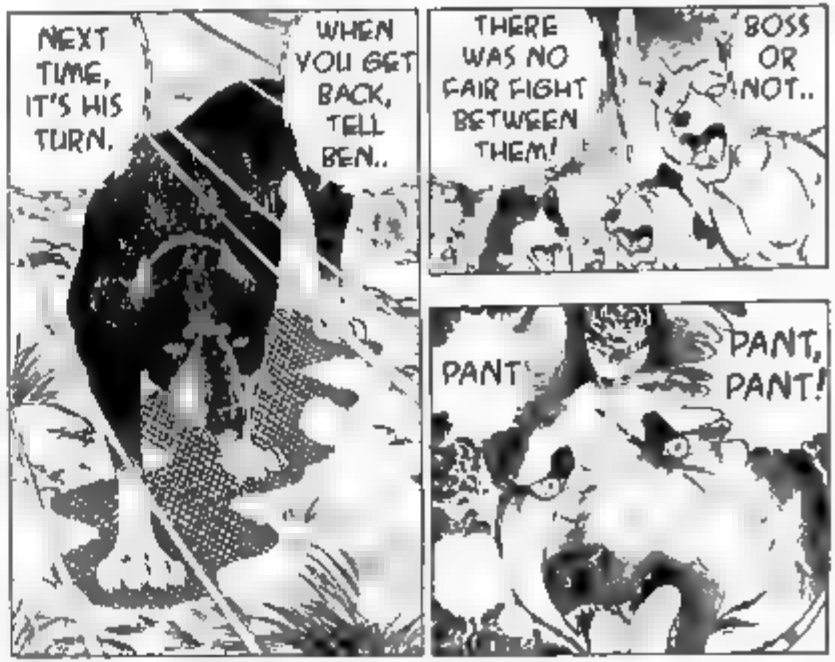

ARGH!
IT WAS HIS THROAT BEING RIPPED!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT NOISE?!

AAGH!
HA HAH!
HAHA HA..!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE?!
WAIT, SNIPER ..!

DID YOU WANT US TO HELP THAT LITTLE KID OR SOMETHING? HEY!
WHY'D YOU BRING US HERE, MUSASHI?

WHY DIDN'T I LISTEN TO JOHN? I PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN GIN'S STRENGTH!
NO WAY. IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS!

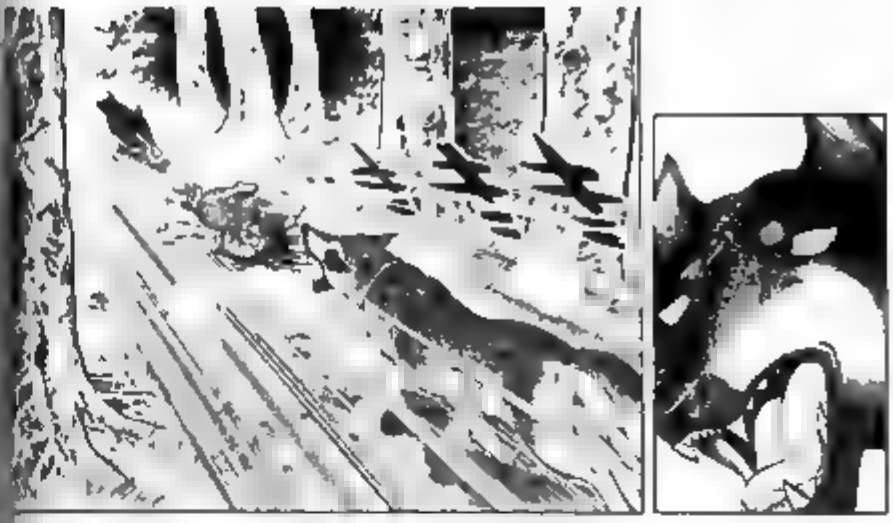

NEXT TIME, IT'S HIS TURN.
WHEN YOU GET BACK, TELL BEN..
THERE WAS NO FAIR FIGHT BETWEEN THEM!
BOSS OR NOT..
PANT
PANT, PANT!

THAT KID'S ALIVE!
WOAH!

GIN ..?!
HUH?!

NOW I'VE SEEN REAL SPIRIT
HA HA!

WHAT YOU BIT THROUGH WAS MY COLLAR, SNIPER!
DAISUKE SAVED MY LIFE!



HE'S ..!
AAH ..!
AAH!

GIN!
ZOOM

OUUH!
UAH!
IS HE REALLY THE SAME GIN?!
NO WAY. HE'S TOO DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A METEOR IS?!
DO YOU KNOW WHY I'M A BEAR HOUND?!
GIN DISAP-PEARED!
HE DIS-AP-PEARED!

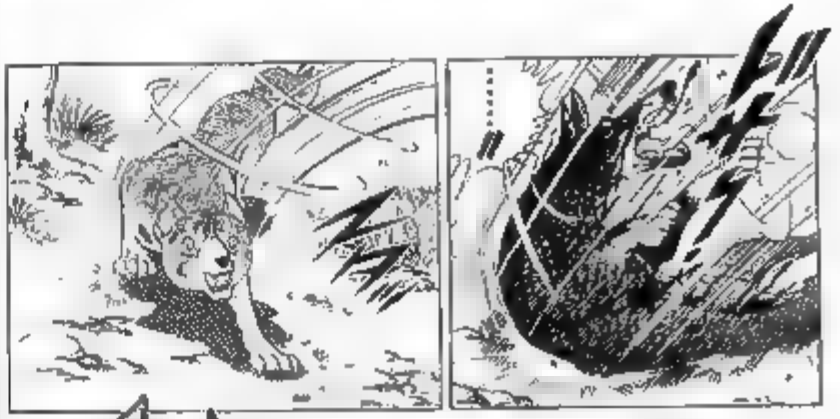
HE'S DODGING HIS FANGS!
LOOK! GIN'S READING HIS MOVEMENTS FLAWLESSLY!
GRR!
GAH!

YOU LITTLE SHIT!
THIS, SNIPER'S MOVEMENT AND ATTACK WERE CRUDE...
GIN'S AGILITY SURPASSED SNIPER'S..

SNIPER MAY BE BLEEDING, BUT HE STILL HASN'T HAD ANY REAL DAMAGE DEALT TO HIM.
HE'S NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BITE SNIPER VERY DEEPLY..

PANT..
PANT..
HEH.. THAT LITTLE KID REALLY IS STIRRING UP THE SITUATION.

HE MUST HAVE ALREADY USED ALL OF HIS STRENGTH!..
GIN HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF WINNING..
THIS IS THE END, GIN!



HOW WILL HE FIGHT NOW..?

GIN'S FANGS ARE STILL TOO SMALL
IT REALLY WAS FUTILE.. EVEN THOUGH HE CAN MOVE FAST, HE CAN'T ATTACK

IF YOU STOP HIS LEGS, HE HAS NOTHING!
GIN, GET HIS LEGS!
HUH?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS.?!
GYAAH!

DAMMIT. I YOU ASSHOLE!
GET ME DOWN! AUGH..!

ARGH!
YIPE!
OOH!

GHH. YOU LITTLE SHIT!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY REMORSE AT ALL?!
THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, SNIPER.
TAKE ME DOWN!
YOU JASSHOLES! I'M YOUR GENERAL!
TWO OR THREE DAYS, AT LEAST
HAH.. LET HIM STEW, GIN. LEAVE HIM FOR A BIT
BUT, YOU GET A CHANCE! FROM HERE, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!
I ABSOLUTELY WON'T FORGIVE YOU

YEAH, GIN!
YOU DID IT!
YOU'LL BE SORRY, YOU BASTARDS!
AAH!! GET ME DOWN!
THAT KID IS AN AMAZING FIGHTER!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU'RE NO REGULAR STRAY MUTT YOU CAN REALLY FIGHT!
WELL DONE, KID

IF YOU WANT TO WIN ME OVER, YOU'D BETTER SURVIVE THIS!
BUT, THIS IS MY TURN.

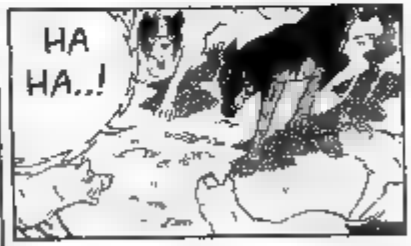
SMARTEN UP. YOU DON'T KNOW MY SENSE OF HUMOUR, DO YOU?
HAHA.. STOP BLUFFING, MUSASHI.

WHAT?!

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO KILL THIS WARRIOR, SMALL AS HE IS?
ANY TIME, BILL.

VAGABOND OF SHIKOKU AND YOUR FOLLOWERS, WE'LL SWEEP THIS PLACE CLEAN OF YOU!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THIS PACK, WE'RE GOING TO PROTECT IT.

HAHA HA HAHA HA!!
HA HA!


HA HA..!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WAITING FOR A REAL BOSS WITH COURAGE TO FIGHT FOR.. THIS KID IS HIM.
HEH.. WITH MY OWN EYES, I SAW THE LEADER OF OHU..
NONE OF MY FOL-LOWERS ARE LIKE YOU.
CLEAR I.Y..
YES!
ARE.. ARE YOU COMING WITH US, BILL?

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BEN..

MINE ISN'T LIKE THAT!
.WHAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF.
BEN, JUST DON'T FORGET..

GO ON!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU IDIOT?!
TRY TO STOP ACTING SO GIRLY, OKAY?
CROSS.. BY THE TIME I GET BACK..

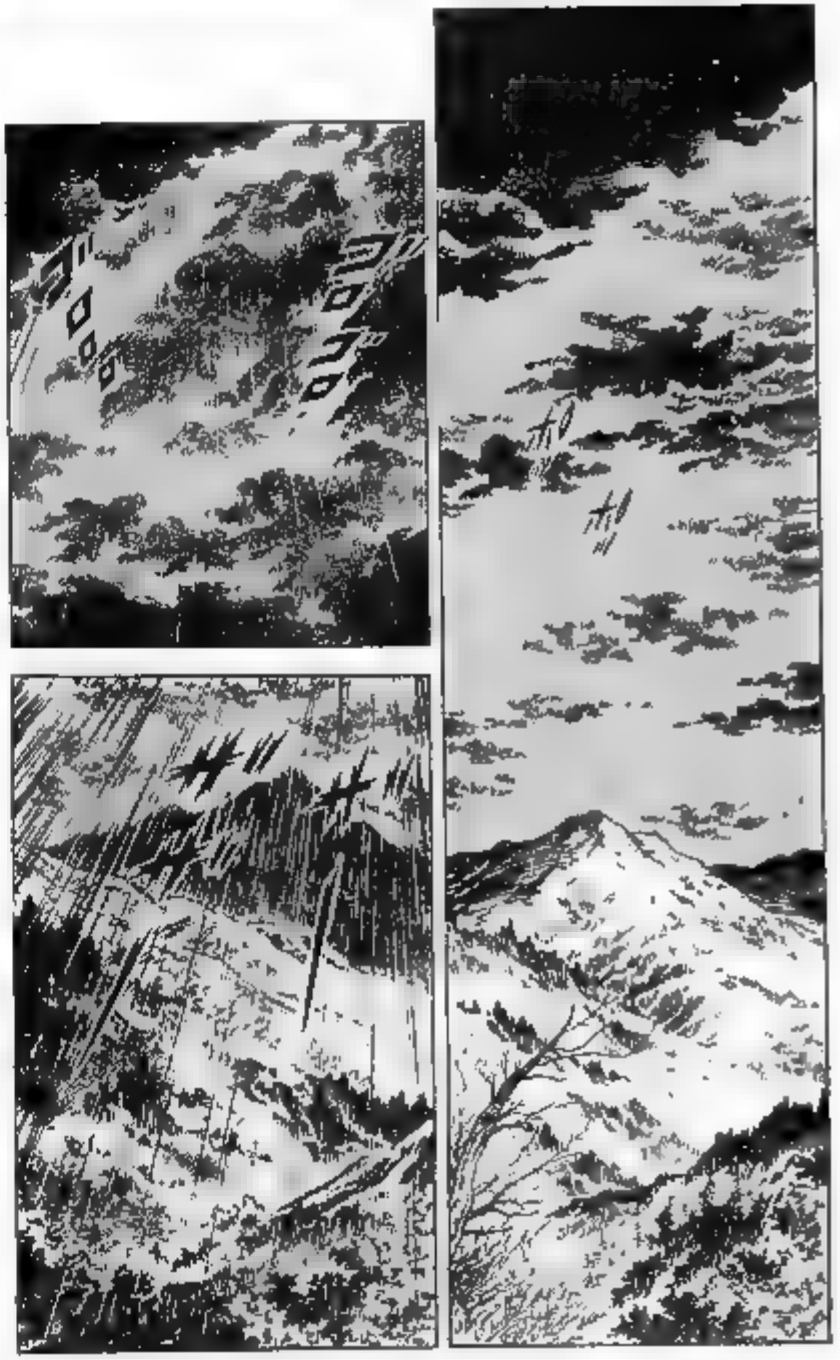
CAN YOU SEE IT?
AT LAST, BEN.. YOU'RE HOME, IN KOFU..

..BECAUSE THIS SCENT REMINDS ME OF MY KIND MASTER'S FACE.. I SEE IT CLEARLY IN MY MIND.
I SEE IT CLEAR -LY..

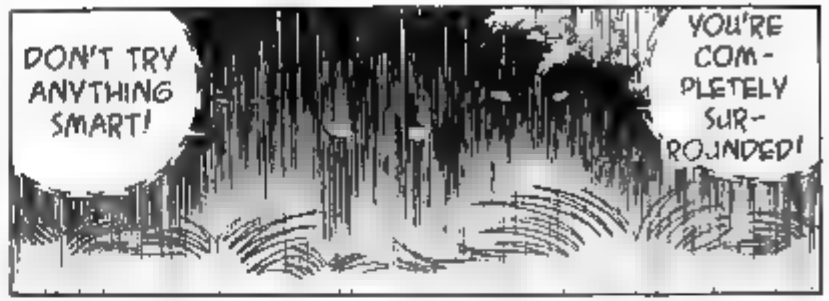
-KOFU, YAMANASHI PREFECTURE-

IF I WANT MY EYES FIXED, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
I'LL COME BACK.. OF COURSE I WILL..
STOP!
DON'T CROSS!
IF WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT AKAKABUTO, IT'S A NECESSITY!
HEALER. NO MATTER HOW, MY EYES WILL BE HEALED!

DON'T WORRY. ALL THE HUMANS IN THIS NEIGHBOUR HOOD ARE KIND TO ME
FOOL.. THEY WON'T SEE ME, NOR DO ANYTHING TO ME
SHOULDN'T YOU WAIT 'TIL IT'S DARK? YOU'LL BE SEEN!
YOU'RE GOING ALREADY BEN?
I WILL..
MOSS.. LOOK AFTER CROSS FOR ME.
..PROMISE YOU'LL COME BACK!
BEN, YOU HAVE TO..



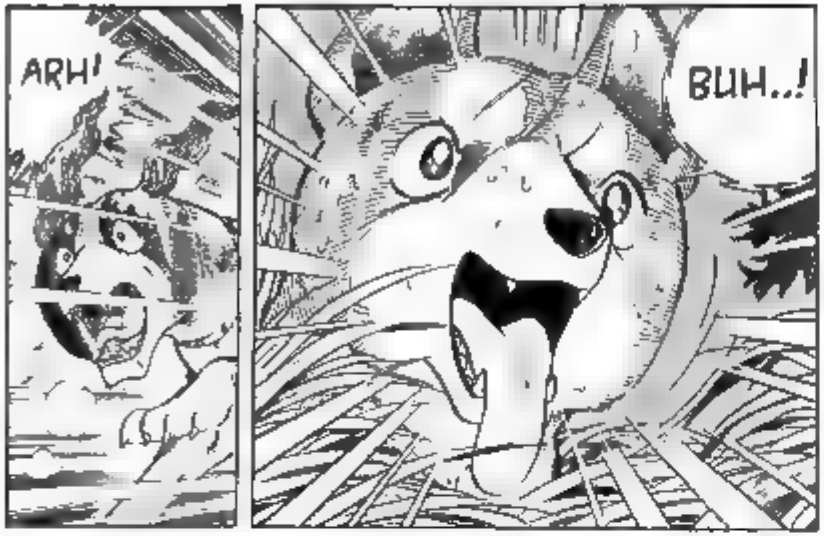
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY ALL DOING..
THEY'RE TAKING TOO LONG..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.. YOU GO ON TOO, SMITH..
STOP SQUEAKING AND GO!
NO! I CAN'T DO THAT..
WH.. WHO'S THERE ?!


DON'T TRY ANYTHING SMART!
YOU'RE COM- PLETELY SUR- ROUNDED!

SHOW YOUR- SELVES!
BA.. BASTARDS!

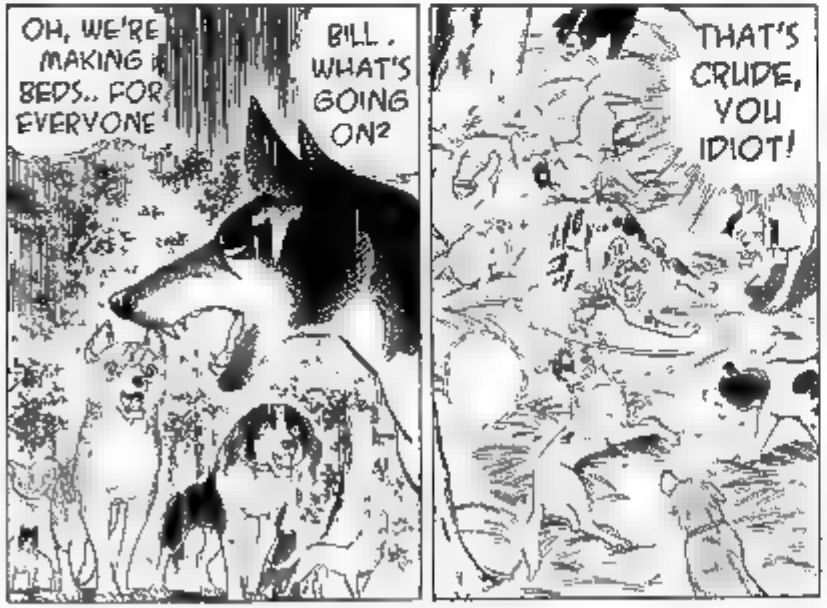
UH ..!

IF YOU WANT YOUR LIVES TO BE SPARED, SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
THERE'S ZOO OF US!


ARH!
BUH..!

HEY, YOU EVEN HAD ME GOING!
YOU... YOU!
GIN, YOU ASS! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
C'MON, TAKE A JOKE SMITH!

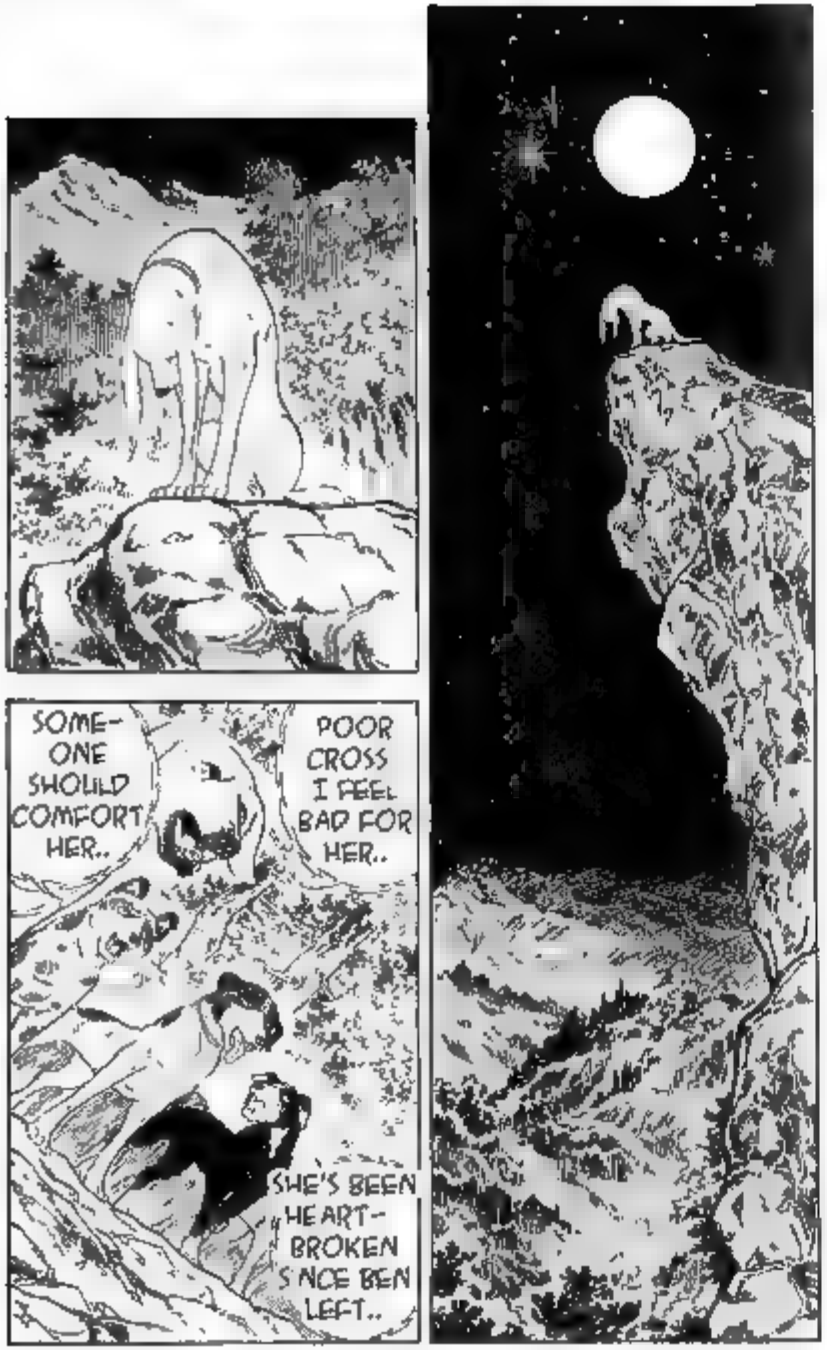
HOW IS THIS? LOOK!
HOW IS THIS.?!


OH, WE'RE MAKING BEDS.. FOR EVERYONE!
BILL. WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT'S CRUDE, YOU IDIOT!

I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU..
SMITH, THESE ARE OUR NEW COM-RADES!
YES! YOU GUYS ARE TOO..!
AKA-TORA, YOU'RE ALIVE?!

UH.. HE'S MAKING A LOT OF NOISE, OVER THERE..
HUH.? WHERE'S BILL'S PACK?

IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT ALL OF OUR GUESTS?!
DON'T BE SO SLOW!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SHE'S BEEN
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SINCE BEN
LEFT..

WHO COULD
EVER SLEEP
LIKE THIS.?
THESE GUYS
MAKE ME
NERVOUS.
IT'S NICE
TO HAVE A
BED MADE
FOR ME,
BUT.
YEAH.
SHOULD
WE HEAD
BACK
NOW?
YEAH..
BEN
WILL BE
HAPPY..
WE'VE
GATHERED A
STRONG-
LOOKING
BUNCH, GIN..
HE'S
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THAT THIS
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"SEA-
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FIGHTS IN
UWAJIMA.
HAHA.. DON'T BE
SILLY. THERE'S
STILL A LOT OF
TOUGH DOGS IN
SHIKOKU, RIGHT?

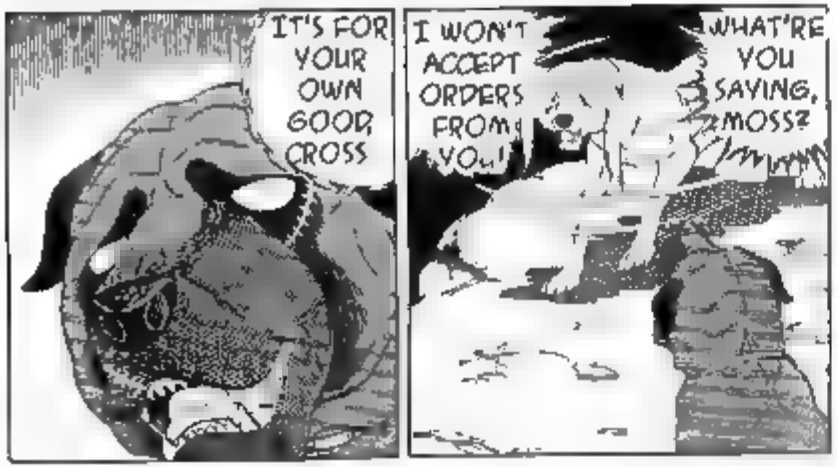
THAT'LL MAKE CROSS HAPPY!
HEHEH.. MAYBE MOSS CAN FILL IN FOR BEN.
FOOL, HE'LL HEAR YOU!

GEH ..!
AAH.. STOP IT!
WHA?! WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT ME?!

YELP!
GET OUT OF HERE, ALL OF YOU!

CROSS.. HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP THIS UP?

!!
LEAVE THE PACK, AND GO TO THE TOWN
YOU REALLY ARE A GIRL..

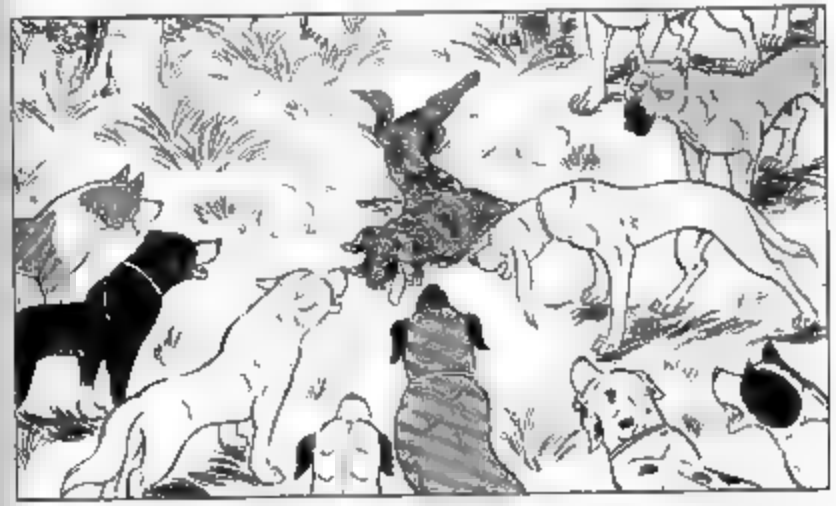

IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, CROSS
I WON'T ACCEPT ORDERS FROM YOU!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, MOSS?

I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DIE WITH US!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE PUPS IN YOUR STOMACH
THE CENTER OF THE BATTLE-FIELD IS NO PLACE FOR YOU NOW.
IT'S CLEAR FROM YOUR "APPEAR-ANCE. YOUR TEATS ARE SWOLLEN.
YOU'VE NO PROOF THAT I'M...!
DON'T BE INSANE, MOSS!

IT WENT THAT WAY!
DON'T LET IT ESCAPE!
AH!
DON'T GIVE UP! DON'T TALK CRAP, YOU PANSY!
HOPELESS! IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST, THEY STILL GET AWAY!

!?
WHO'S THERE?!
WHO ARE YOU?!

WHERE'D HE COME FROM? WHO IS IT?!
WHO IS THIS?! HEY, WHAT HAPPENED?!
THE 4TH AND 5TH PLATOONS HAVE BEEN KILLED!
THE SOLDIERS THAT WENT NORTH!



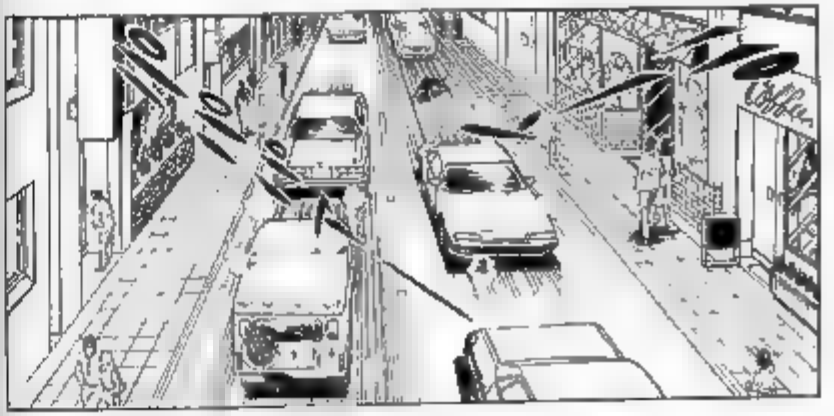
WE HAVE TO! WE CAN'T MESS AROUND!
WHAT'LL WE DO, BOSS? SHALL WE GO THERE?

I DO. HE'S KUROBE, FROM THE 6TH PLATOON.
DO YOU KNOW HIM, CROSS?

..AND HOW CAN WE TELL GIN AND THE OTHERS?!
BEN DOESN'T KNOW..!

US, THE "MOSS" ARMY, HAVE TO DO WHAT WE CAN!
WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT BEN OR GIN RIGHT NOW!

GET YOUR ASSES IN GEAR!
MOVE IT! WE HAVE TO GO NOW!
DON'T BE HASTY, MOSS!



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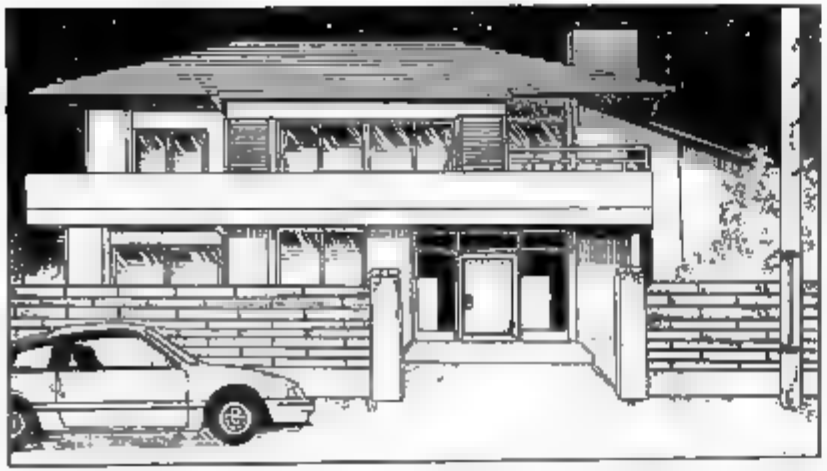
DAM-MIT!

SCRAM!
D'YOU WANT TO GET RUN OVER, YOU MUTT?!



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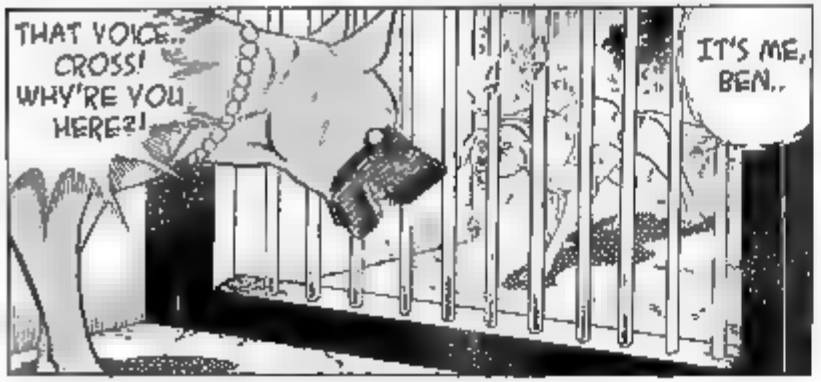
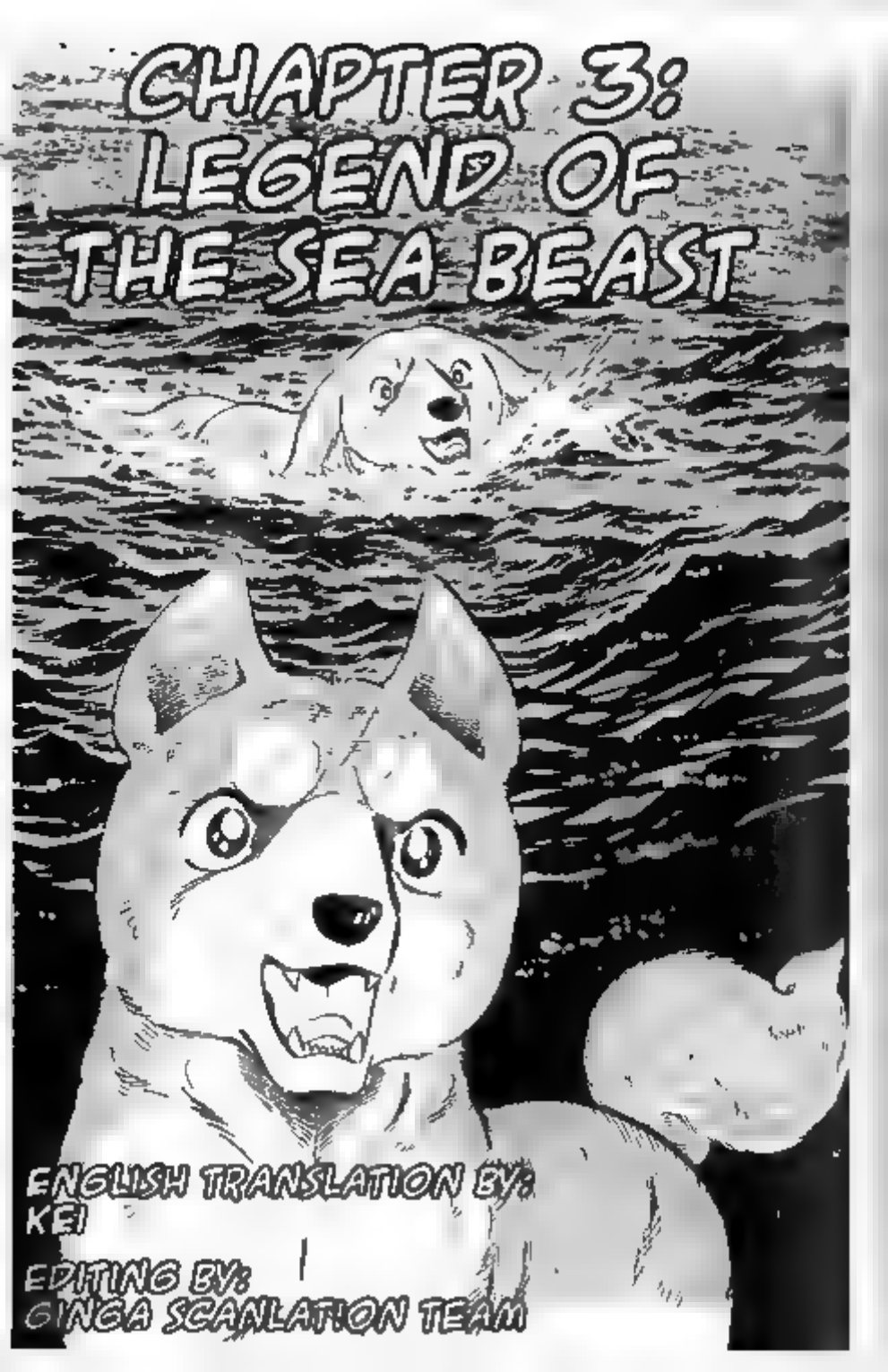

THAT VOICE.. CROSS! WHY'RE YOU HERE?!
IT'S ME, BEN..

THIS IS REALLY BAD!
WHAT?! THE NORTH?! PLATOONS 4, 5 AND 6 WERE ATTACKED?!
MOSS' GROUP WILL JUST GET CRUSHED
IF THEY MANAGED TO TAKE PLATOONS 4-6..
BEN, WHAT SHOULD I DO?! PLEASE TELL ME.
MOSS RUSHED THE OTHERS OFF TO THE NORTH.
CROSS, YOU CAN'T MAKE IT ACROSS THE OCEAN IN YOUR CONDITION!
YOU..
TELL ME TO GO TO SHIKOKU AND FIND GIN AND THE OTHERS!
I WANT IT ON YOUR ORDERS, BEN..


CHAPTER 3:
LEGEND OF
THE SEA BEAST
ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY:
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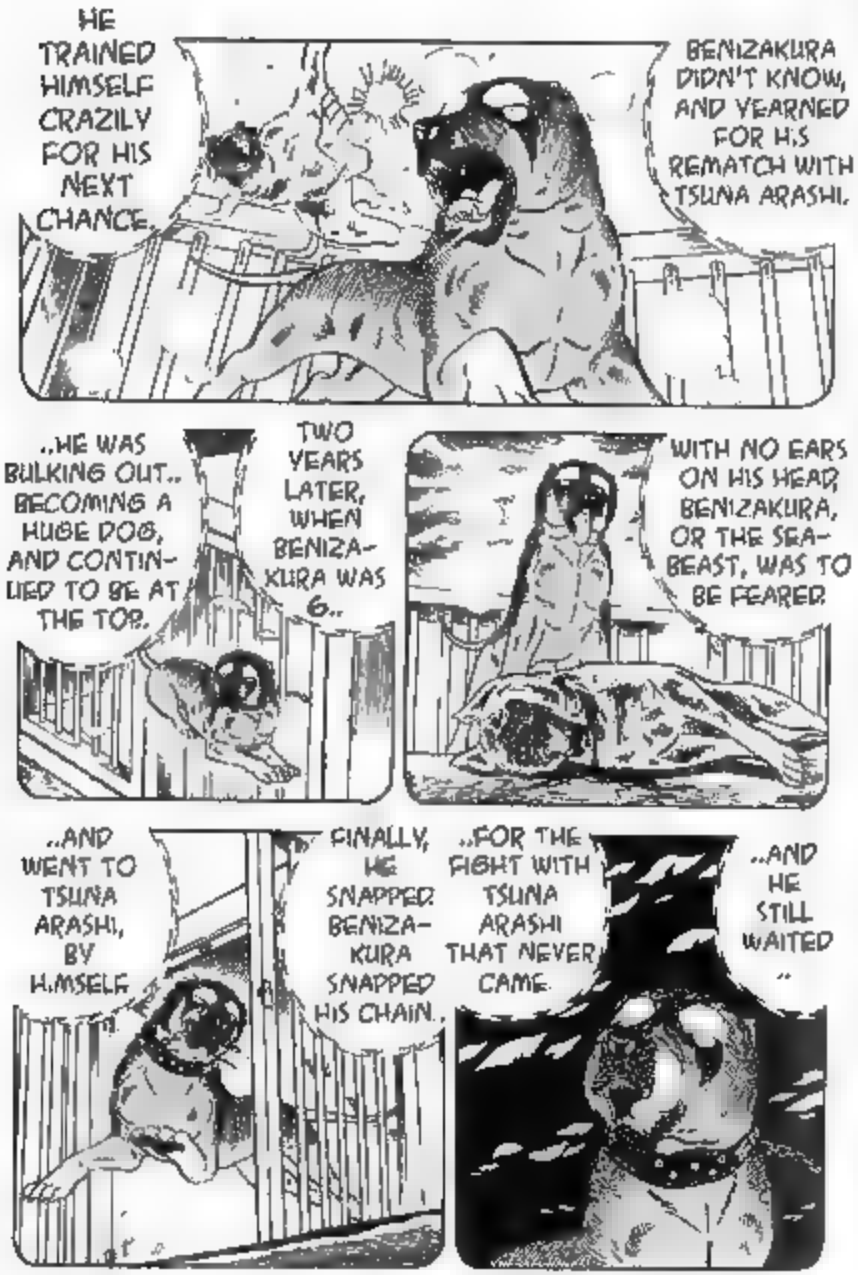
WELL, LISTEN..
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS 'SEA BEAST' OF UWAJIMA, WILSON?
BENI-ZA-KURA !
BY THE TIME HE WAS 3 YEARS OLD HE WAS THE FIGHTING CHAMPION OF THE ENTIRE NORTH-EASTERN REGION
HIS BREEDING WAS PERFECT. THIS YOUNG TOSA BECAME STRONGER WITH EVERY OPPONENT HE WENT UP AGAINST

HIS NAME WAS BENIZAKURA!
ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, A TOSA DOG WAS BORN DURING A SEVERE SNOW-STORM UP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

BENIZAKURA DIDN'T KNOW WHAT DEFEAT WAS WHEN HE WAS ENTERED FOR THE NATIONALS..
..WHO HELD THE HIGHEST TITLE, AND WAS AN 8-YEAR OLD VETERAN OF THE RING.
HE FACED SHIKOKU'S 6-TIME CHAMPION, TSUNA-ARASHI..

THEIR SOULS FAUGHT EACH OTHER WITH EVERY STEP AS THE CROWD CHEERED THEM ON.
AMONG TOSA DOGS, THIS BECAME A LEGENDARY FIGHT THAT THEY ALL SPEAK OF.
AT THE END OF THE FIGHT, BECAUSE TSUNA ARASHI HAD NARROWLY ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE.
THE TIME LIMIT OF 30 MINUTES PASSED

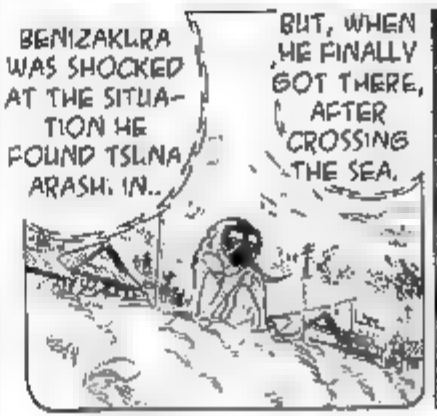

HE TRAINED HIMSELF CRAZILY FOR HIS NEXT CHANCE.
BENIZAKURA DIDN'T KNOW, AND YEARNED FOR HIS REMATCH WITH TSUNA ARASHI.
..HE WAS BULKING OUT.. BECOMING A HUGE DOG, AND CONTINUED TO BE AT THE TOP.
TWO YEARS LATER, WHEN BENIZAKURA WAS 6..
WITH NO EARS ON HIS HEAD, BENIZAKURA, OR THE SEA-BEAST, WAS TO BE FEARED.
..AND WENT TO TSUNA ARASHI, BY HIMSELF.
FINALLY, HE SNAPPED BENIZAKURA SNAPPED HIS CHAIN.
..FOR THE FIGHT WITH TSUNA ARASHI THAT NEVER CAME.
..AND HE STILL WAITED ..

BENIZAKURA'S OWNER FELT THE DISGRACE OF A REMATCH NEEDING TO BE CALLED
..HAD LOST BOTH OF HIS EARS IN THE FIGHT..
..AND BENIZAKURA..
..AND HIS OWNER DECLINED TWO FURTHER CHALLENGES TO FIGHT WITH BENIZAKURA.
BUT, THE 8 YEAR OLD CHAMPION WAS ALREADY AGED..
THE NEXT YEAR, THE OLD CHAMPION LOST HIS EYESIGHT AND RETIRED FROM THE FIGHTING RING.

LIKE US.. HE SWAM THROUGH THE ROUGH SEA ALL ALONE?
I SEE.. THE SEA-BEAST OF UWAJIMA..

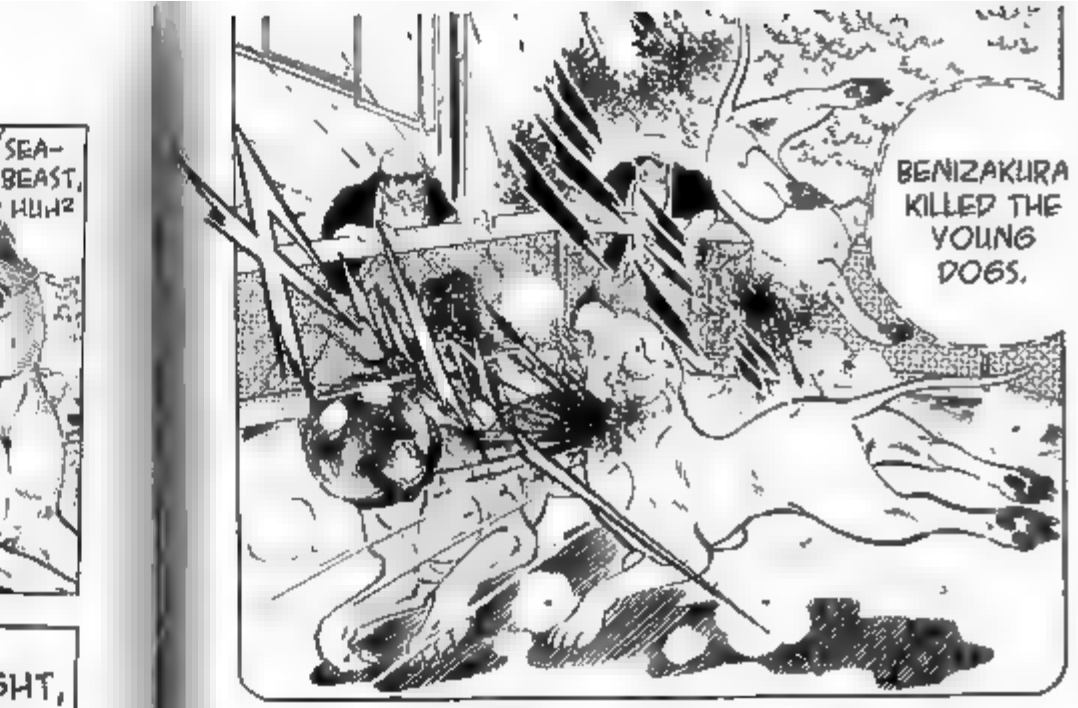
HE MUST HAVE A WILL OF IRON..
YEAH.. NO KID-DING

WHAT AN UNBE-LIEVABLE GUY..


BENIZAKURA WAS SHOCKED AT THE SITUA-TION HE FOUND TSUNA ARASHI IN..
BUT, WHEN HE FINALLY GOT THERE, AFTER CROSSING THE SEA.

HE SAW THE BLIND TSUNA ARASHI BEING TORN APART BY YOUNG, NEW FIGHTING DOGS.
..AND THERE, BENIZA-KURA SAW HIS OWN FUTURE

HE FLEW STRAIGHT OVER THE FENCE.
THE SIGHT FILLED BENIZA-KURA WITH RAGE.


BENIZAKURA KILLED THE YOUNG DOGS.

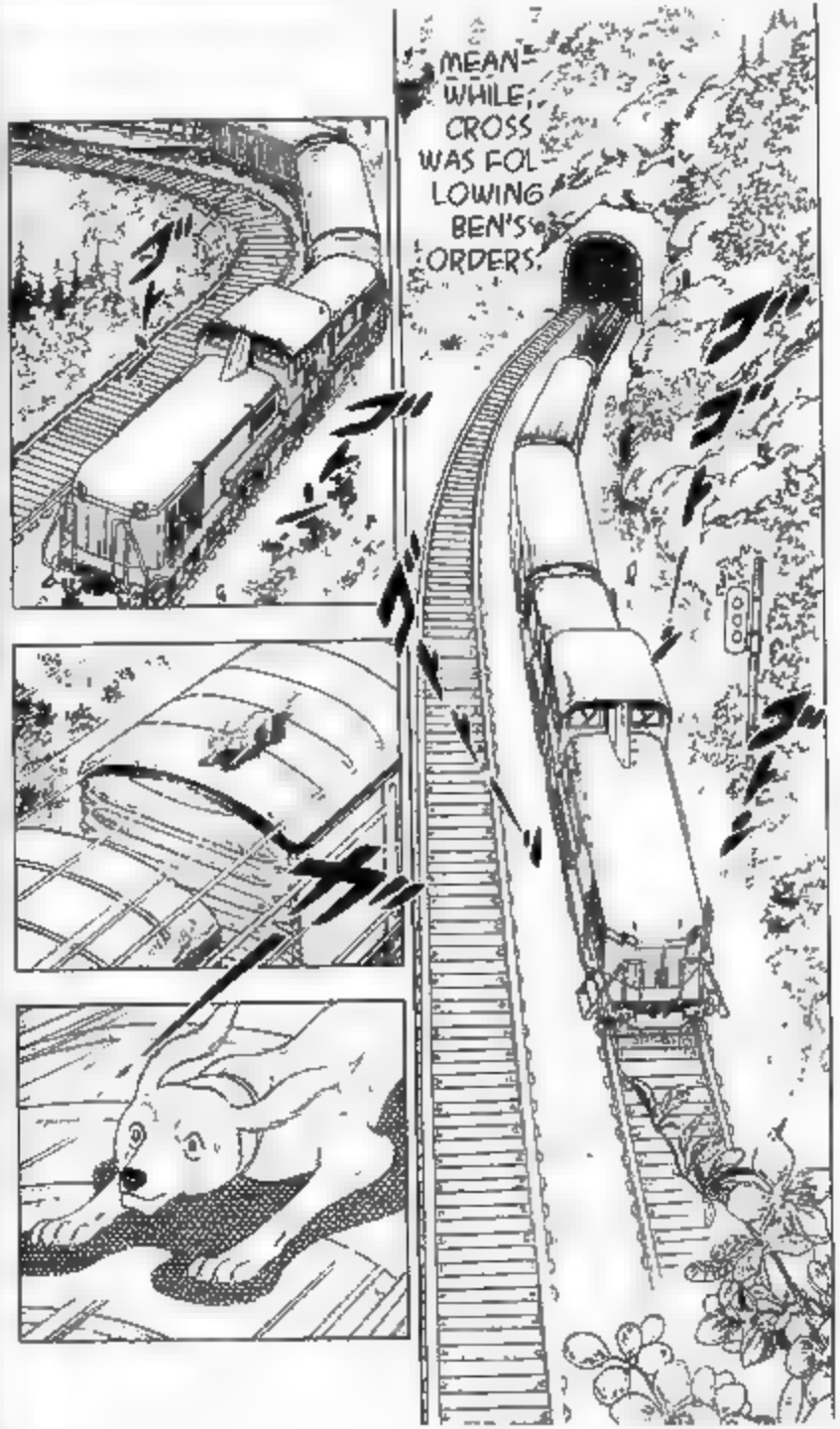
SO THIS REALLY STRONG FIGHTER IS STILL PROBABLY IN IWAJIMA?
BUT, I'M CERTAIN HE'S STILL IN SHIKOKU.
MOST LIKELY..

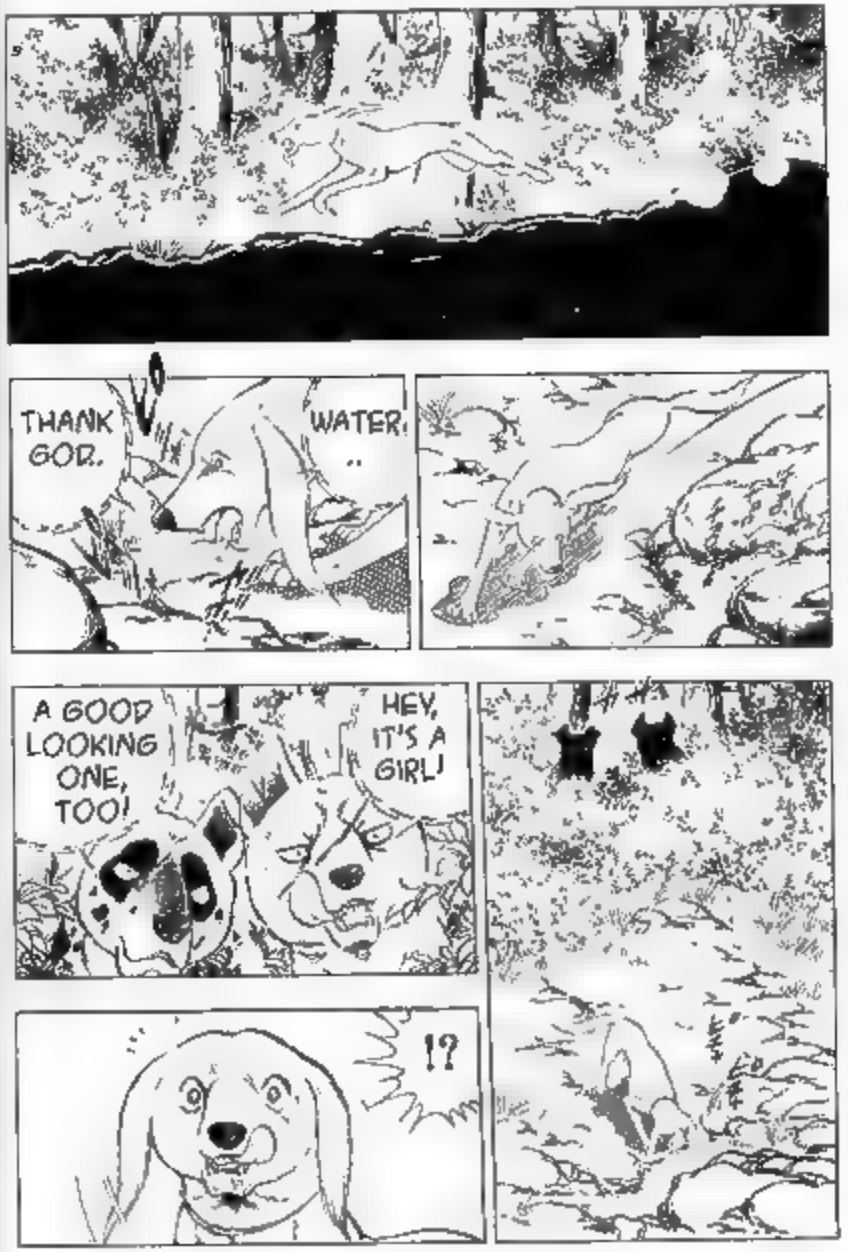
OBVI-OUSLY, HE DIDN'T GO BACK HOME.
NOBODY HAS SEEN HIM SINCE THEN..

I'M READY ANY TIME!
I WANT TO KNOW..
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD. I WANT TO FIND HIM!
SEA-BEAST, HUH?

YEAH!!
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO GUYS!

GUH!
I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND GIN !
THAT HURT LIKE HELL..
OWW ..!


MEAN-WHILE, CROSS WAS FOL-LOWING BEN'S ORDERS.


THANK GOD..
WATER..
A GOOD LOOKING ONE, TOO!
HEY, IT'S A GIRL!
!?

HEHEH.. SOMEHOW A NICE SITUATION HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO US..
OOH.. SHE TALKS DIRTY.
WH.. WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

WELL WELL, WHAT A NICE ASS... I WANNA EAT IT! HAHA!

YOU'D BOTH BETTER LEAVE ME THE HELL ALONE! FUCK OFF!
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU SCUMBAGS!

YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR DAMN MOUTH, BITCH!
HEY NOW..

ARE YOU A GODDAMN IDIOT?!
FOOL!

YEAH.. AND I'LL WATCH THOSE NIPPLES FOR YOU, BABY!

HMM.. HOW 'BOUT WE FUCK HER?
HEHE.. WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOU, HUH?

NOT IN MY CONDI-TION..!
UGH.. I CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THESE TWO..

YOU'LL DO EXACTLY AS I SAY, RIGHT?
HAHA.. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT..

VIPE!

HEH..
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN DO? PICK ON A DEFENCE-LESS GIRL?!
YOU SHIT-HEADS..
COME ON!
GET READY, BITCH!

UH .?!
WHAT THE HELL?
HEH.. TOOK WHAT?
HE TOOK HER!
WHO'S THERE? GET OUT!

I'LL TELL MY PACK AND GIN AND BEN WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME!
OLIVER.. THANK YOU, OLIVER!
OLIVER. REMEMBER IT!
THINK YOU CAN, KID?!
I'LL KILL THIS LITTLE THING!
BETH, DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
YEAH!

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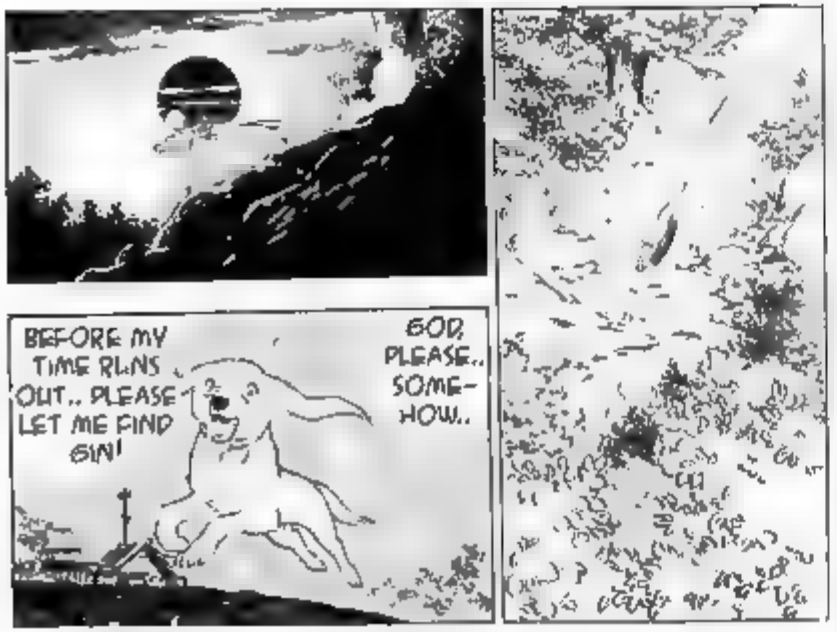
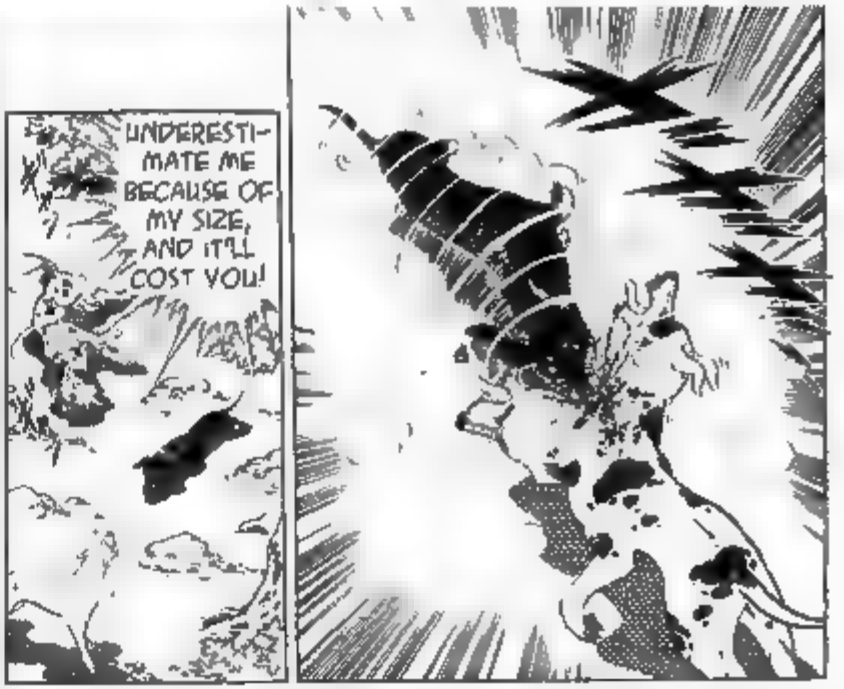
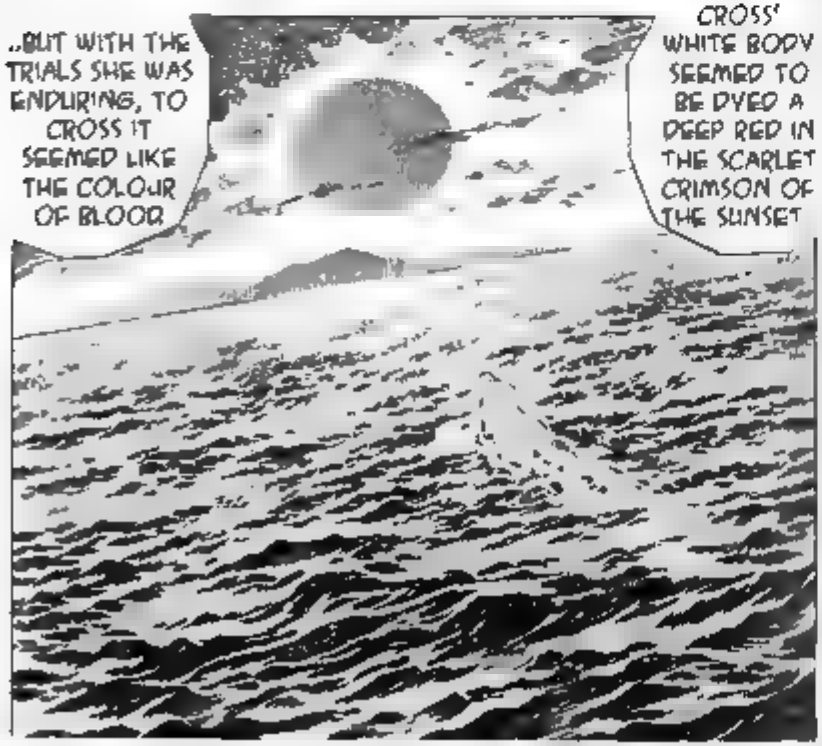
YOU BASTARDS..
BIG TOUGH GUYS, HUH?
DOING THIS KIND OF THING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
THANK YOU, FOR SAVING ME..
HURRY UP AND ESCAPE, OKAY?
LET ME DEAL WITH THEM.


BEFORE MY TIME RUNS OUT.. PLEASE LET ME FIND SIN!
GOD, PLEASE.. SOME-HOW..


UNDERESTI-MATE ME BECAUSE OF MY SIZE, AND IT'LL COST YOU!

..SO WE CAN PULL OUR VICTIMS DOWN BY THEIR LEGS AND PULL THEIR GUTS OUT!
THEY BRED US WITH STRONG JAWS AND TOUGH CLAWS.
UAAGH! DON'T DO IT!
WE'RE BRED FOR KILLING BADGERS!
US DACHS-HUNDS..

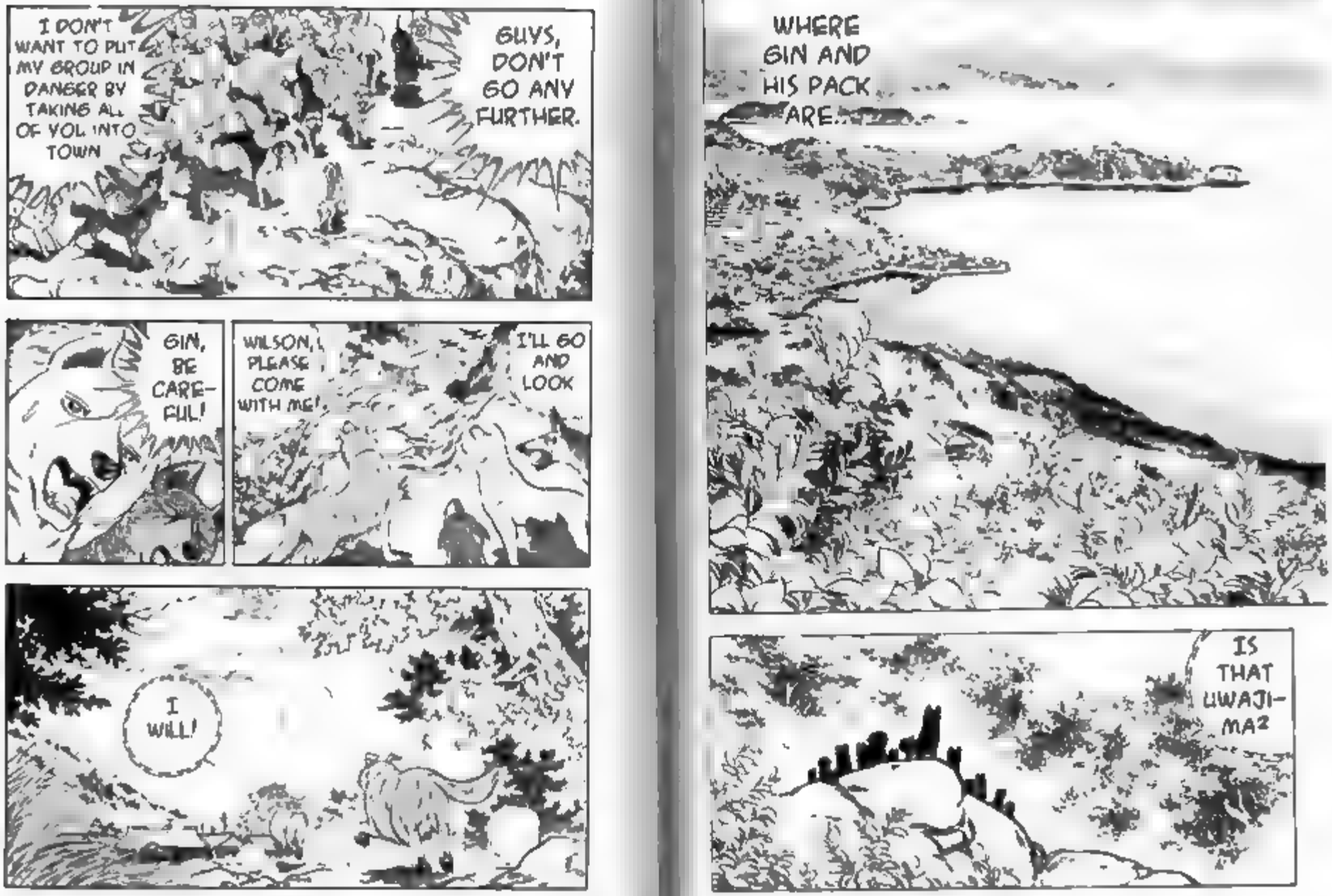
THOUGH SHE WAS PREGNANT, CROSS WAS NOW A MESSENGER FROM THE NORTH, CROSSING THE WAVES TO TELL GIN WHAT WAS HAPPENING.
THE WEATHER WAS CALM, AND THE WAVES WERE GENTLE.


..BUT WITH THE TRIALS SHE WAS ENDURING, TO CROSS IT SEEMED LIKE THE COLOUR OF BLOOD.
CROSS' WHITE BODY SEEMED TO BE DYED A DEEP RED IN THE SCARLET CRIMSON OF THE SUNSET

ON THAT STORMY NIGHT, GIN AND THE OTHERS HAD CROSSED THE SEA FROM HERE.

CROSS HAD NARROWLY ESCAPED SOME BAD SITUATIONS, AND NOW SHE WOULD RETURN TO THEM.

THE KII CHANNEL SEPARATES WAKAYAMA FROM SHIKOKU.


WHERE GIN AND HIS PACK ARE...
IS THAT UWAJI-MA?

I DON'T WANT TO PUT MY GROUP IN DANGER BY TAKING ALL OF YOU INTO TOWN
GUYS, DON'T GO ANY FURTHER.
GIN, BE CARE-FUL!
WILSON, PLEASE COME WITH ME!
I'LL GO AND LOOK
I WILL!

JUST BULL-FIGHTING GOING ON
NOTHING FOR US HERE
BULLS 2!

OH. IWAJIMA'S FAMOUS FOR IT
WILSON.. WHAT ON EARTH IS ALL THAT COMMOTION?

WHAT IS THAT.?!
ARE YOU SURE, WILSON?

WHO IS HE.?!

HE HAS TO BE THE SEA-BEAST.
DID YOU HEAR THAT, GIN? WHAT THE HUMANS CALLED HIM..
EVEN IF HE IS OLDER, HIS POWER AND SENSES HAVEN'T WEAKENED
YEAH.. HE'S AMA-ZING.
HE'S SUR-ROUNDED BY HUMANS..
BUT.. HOW DO WE CONTACT HIM?

SEPA-RATE THEM!
IT'S OVER!
IS THAT DOG REALLY 12 YEARS OLD?! I CAN'T -BELIEVE IT!
YEAH! YOU DID IT, SEA-BEAST!
WHAT A DOG. HE CAN TAKE DOWN BULLS AND HIS TEETH PIERCE LIKE HELL
HIS SPINE IS BROKEN. BEST TO SLAUGH-TER IT FOR MEAT..

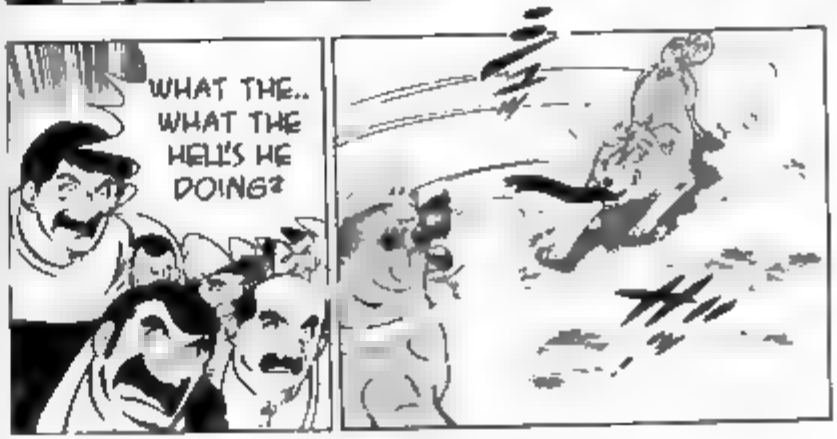
!?

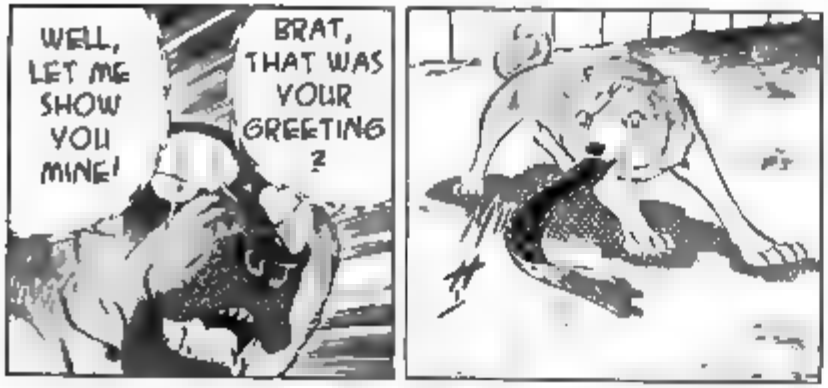
HEY!!
BIN, HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! STOP!
WHO LET THEIR DOG LOOSE?! GET HIM!
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT DOG DOING?!

HEY, HE'S COMING THIS WAY!

THIS IS THE WAY I HAVE TO!
PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDE GREETING, BENIZA-KURA!

HOW'D HE KNOW MY REAL NAME.?!
WHAT.. BENIZA-KURA?!


WHAT THE.. WHAT THE HELL'S HE DOING?


WELL, LET ME SHOW YOU MINE!
BRAT, THAT WAS YOUR GREETING ?

FOOL! LEAVE THEM, LET THEM HAVE THEIR FUN!
AAH!! STOP THEM! HE'LL KILL HIM!

GUAH!

GIN
...!

WHAT
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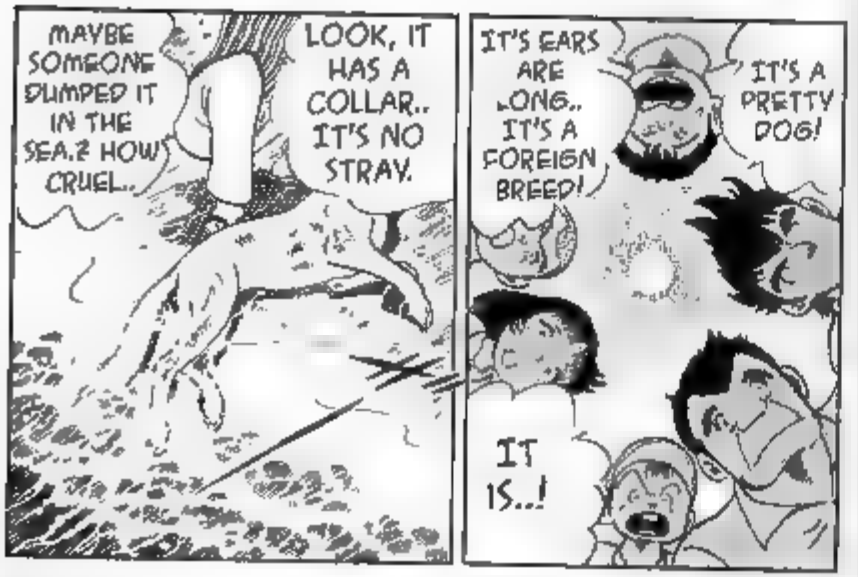
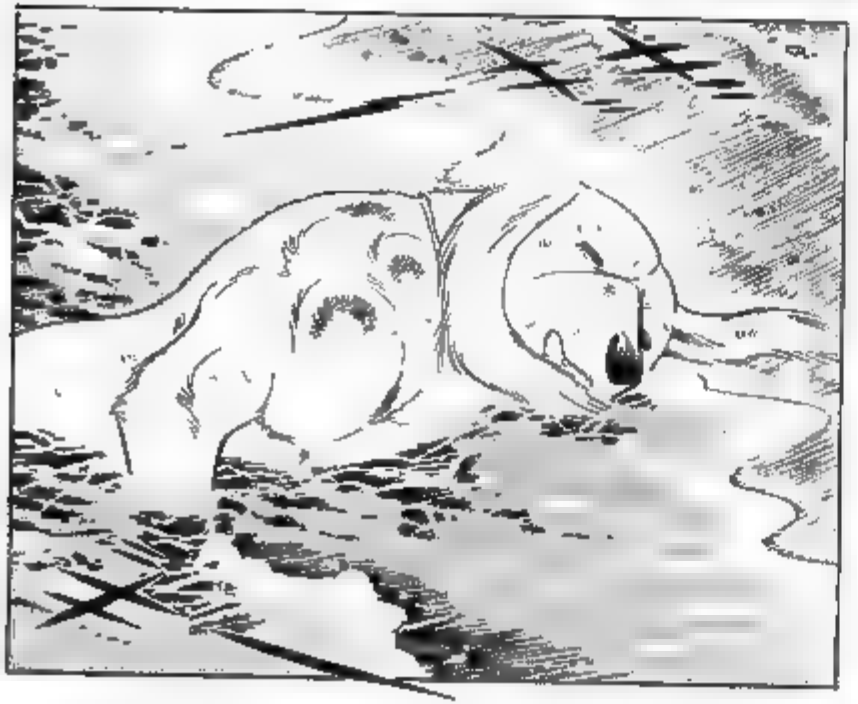
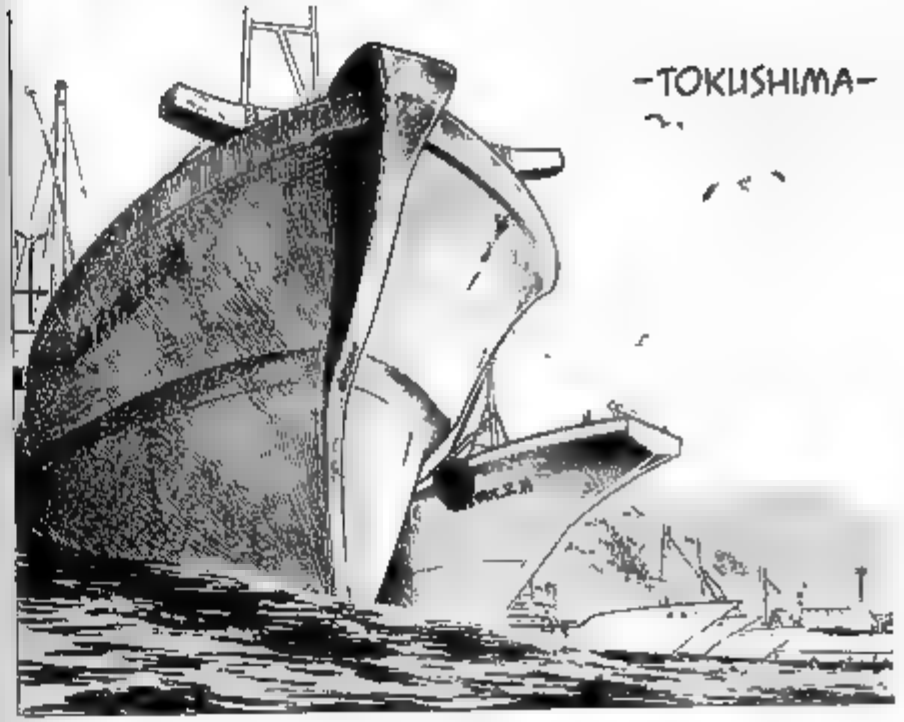
YOURS WAS TWO.. YOU OWE ME ONE!
MY GREETING WAS ONLY ONE HIT.


MAYBE SOMEONE DUMPED IT IN THE SEA.? HOW CRUEL..
LOOK, IT HAS A COLLAR.. IT'S NO STRAY.
IT'S EARS ARE LONG.. IT'S A FOREIGN BREED!
IT'S A PRETTY DOG!
IT IS..!

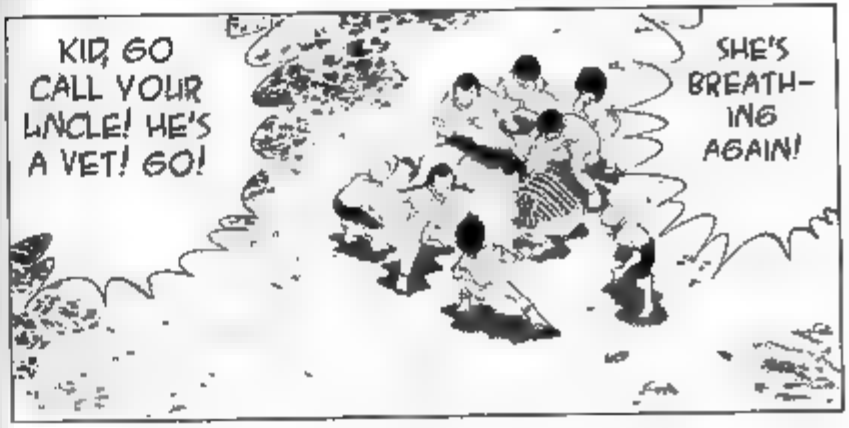



-TOKUSHIMA-

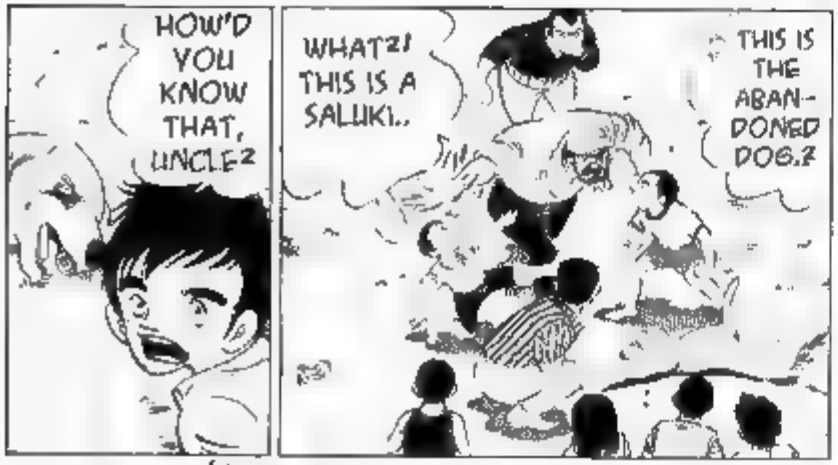
A BIG DEAD DOG WASHED UP OVER THERE!
HEY, YOU GUYS COME HERE!

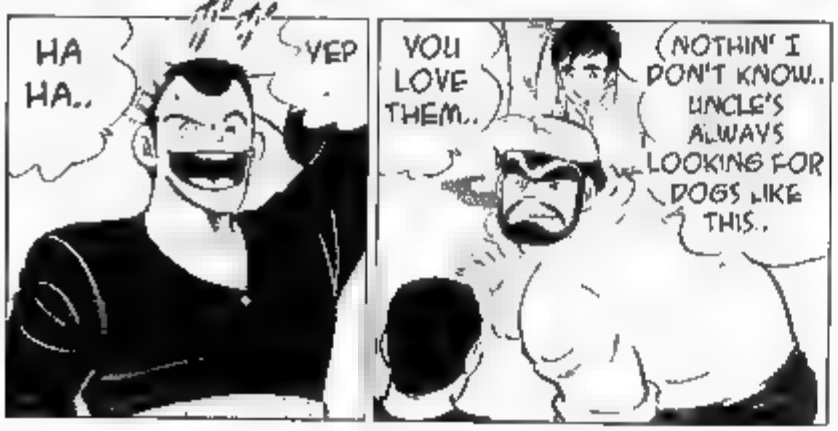
IT'S ALIVE!
OH, LOOK!
WHAT?!

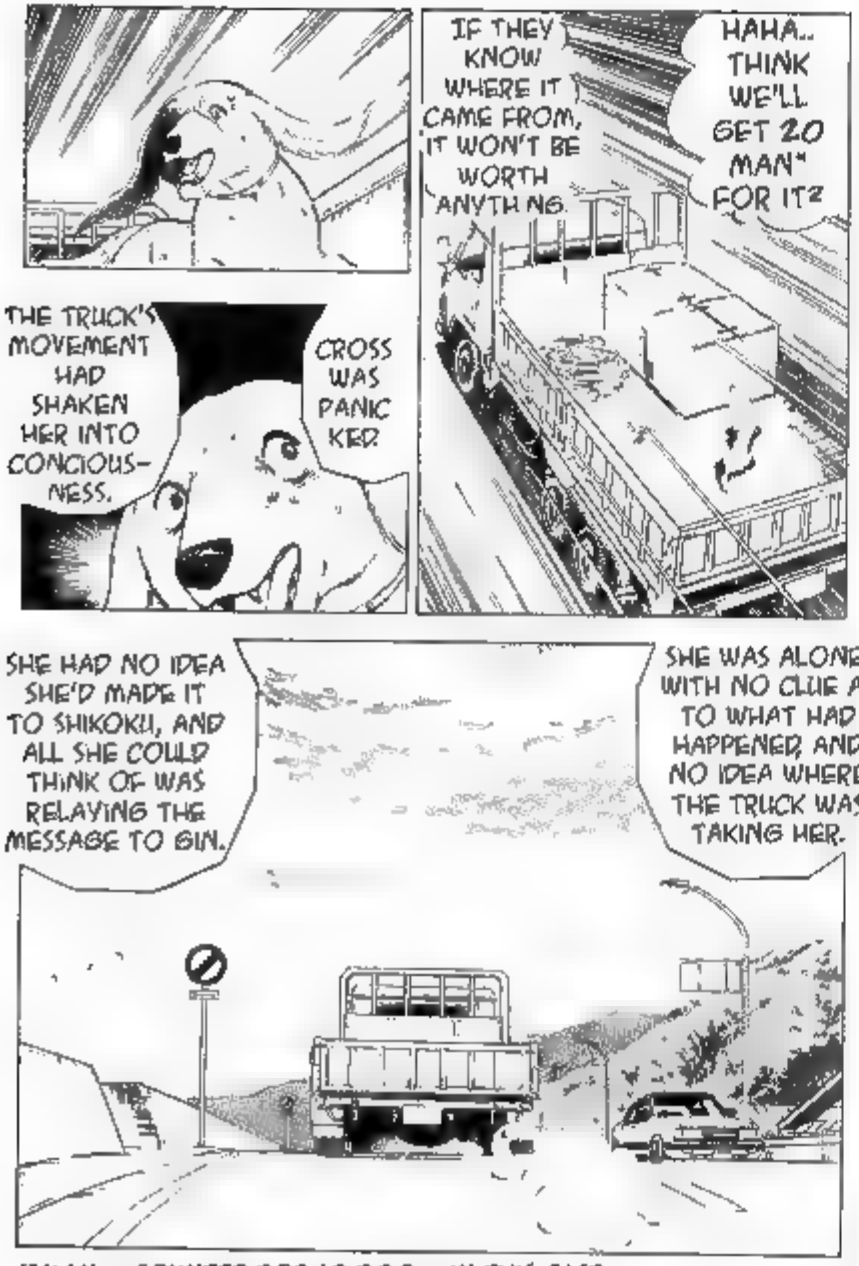
AAH!
HEY..


KID, GO CALL YOUR UNCLE! HE'S A VET! GO!
SHE'S BREATHING AGAIN!

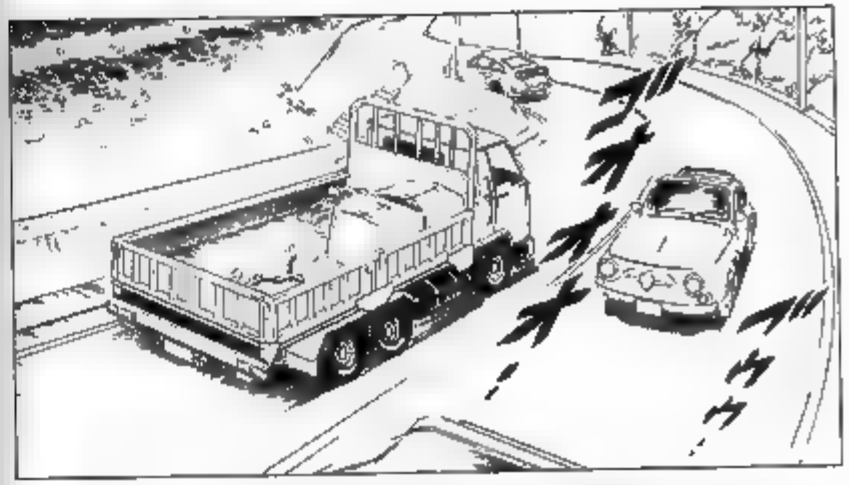
AAH!
I WILL!


HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT, UNCLE?
WHAT?! THIS IS A SALUKI..
THIS IS THE ABANDONED DOG.?


HA HA..
YEP
YOU LOVE THEM..
(NOTHIN' I DON'T KNOW.. UNCLE'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR DOGS LIKE THIS..


IF THEY KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM, IT WON'T BE WORTH ANYTHING.
HAHA.. THINK WE'LL GET 20 MAN* FOR IT?
THE TRUCK'S MOVEMENT HAD SHAKEN HER INTO CONCIOUS-NESS.
CROSS WAS PANIC KED
SHE HAD NO IDEA SHE'D MADE IT TO SHIKOKU, AND ALL SHE COULD THINK OF WAS RELAYING THE MESSAGE TO GIN.
SHE WAS ALONE, WITH NO CLUE AS TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND NO IDEA WHERE THE TRUCK WAS TAKING HER.

(*MAN = COUNTER FOR 10,000 $_{159}$ IN THIS CASE, PROBABLY YEN)



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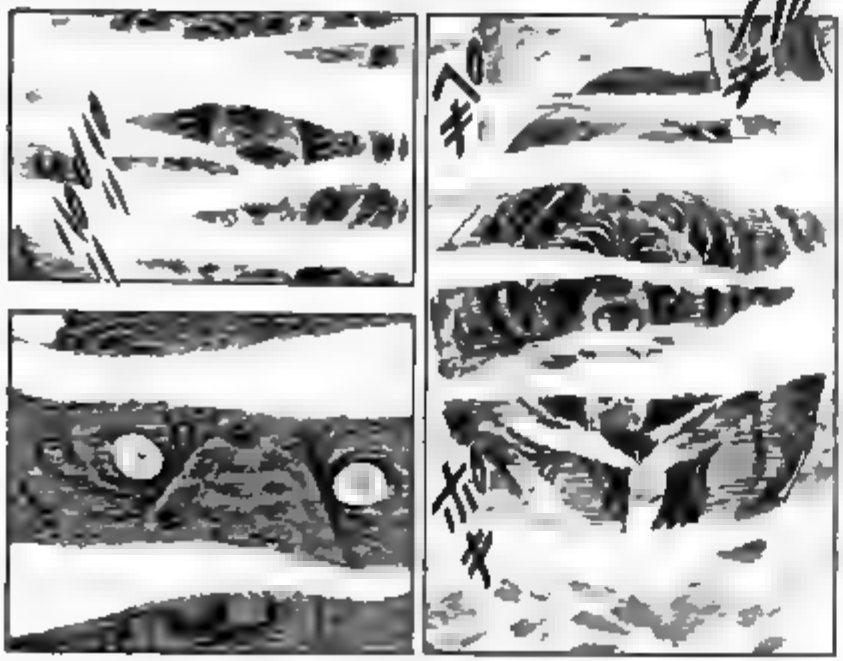
GRR..!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=OHU-
MOUNTAINS=

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RRR!
GRR!

ROAR!

FROM THE BEGINNING, THIS HAD BEEN THE TERRITORY OF THE DOGS.
BUT NOW, RIKI'S PLATOONS WERE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
MEANWHILE, RIKI WAS HANDLING HIS OWN BATTLE.
IN THE CENTER OF THE OHU MOUNTAINS, THE LEADER, RIKI, WAS THE ONLY FIGHTER

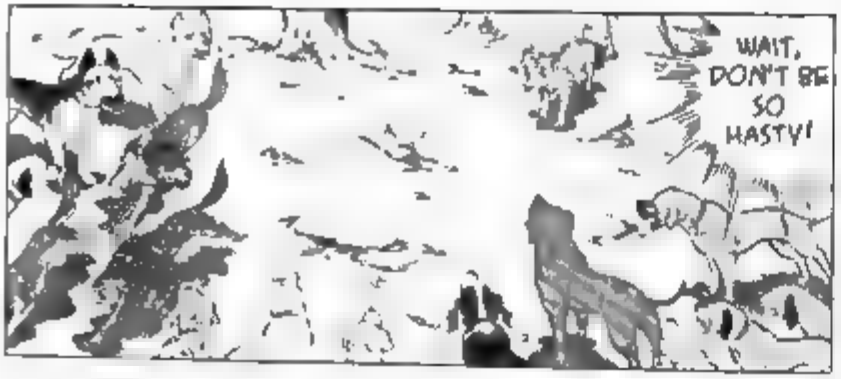
AKAKABUTO WAS CREATING BAJOU, WHICH WAS CUTTING INTO THE DOG'S TERRITORY. THE BEARS LOATHED THE SCENT OF THE DOGS.
ONE AFTER THE OTHER, AKAKABUTO'S ASSASSINS WENT INTO RIKI'S TERRITORY.
HOWEVER, AKAKABUTO COULDN'T PENETRATE THE AREA.
BEN, CROSS, SMITH..
..GIN, AND THE ENTIRE PACK WERE WITH HIM.. DEFENDING TO THE END.

ELSEWHERE, IN THE MOUNTAINS OF UWAJIMA,
WHAT?! YOU FOUND SEA-BEAST?!

BY HITTING YOU, HE'S MOCKING ALL OF US!
YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY, GIN! YOU'RE OUR LEADER!

HE HIT GIN IN THE FACE TWICE.?!
HA HA..!

I'LL GO OUT THERE AND RIP HIS NECK OPEN!
I WON'T ALLOW IT!


WAIT, DON'T BE SO HASTY!

KAIS!
HE HIT YOU, AND HE'S DIS-GRACING OUR PACK!
YOU REALLY ARE TOO YOUNG FOR THIS, GIN

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!
WHAT, AKAME ?!

..WHAT KIND OF IMMENSE POWER THAT GUY HAS..
I FELT HIS STRENGTH ..

..HE'LL DEFINITELY OPPOSE US. WHAT'LL WE DO, GIN?
I SEE.. IF WE DON'T DISPLAY OUR OWN POWER TO HIM..

..WAS SO I COULD GET THE CHANCE TO MEET HIM AGAIN. WE'LL SEE HOW IT GOES..
HEHE.. THE REASON I LET HIM HIT ME TWICE..

GIN, WE WERE JUST..
NO.. I'M SORRY..

BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO MAKE A MISTAKE. NO GOOD'LL COME FROM RIPPING HIS THROAT OUT..
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT, KAIS..

YOU KAIS ARE TOO BLOOD-THIRSTY! IT'S DANGEROUS HAVING YOU GUYS AROUND!
ALRIGHT.. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING..
SEE, THERE YOU GO AGAIN!
WHAT ?!

WE REALLY NEED SEA-BEAST AS A PART OF OUR PLATOON!
WHAT I ALLOWED WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THIS PACK!

IT'S THE SEA! I CAN HEAR THE SEA!
THAT SOUND.
I CAN SEE AN ISLAND! DID I ACTUALLY MAKE IT OVER?!

GIN ..!
I HAVE TO CROSS THAT SEA..!
I HAVE TO GET THERE..!
PANT
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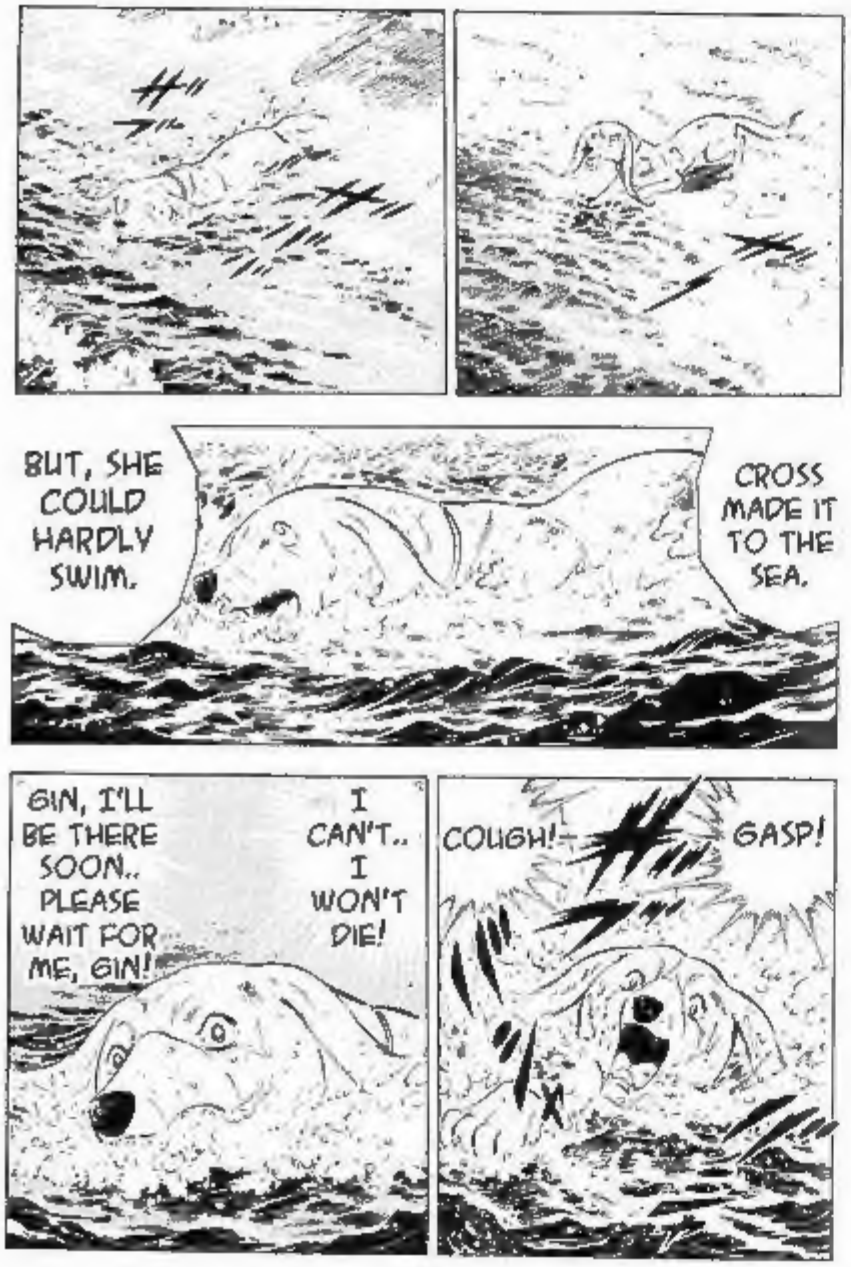
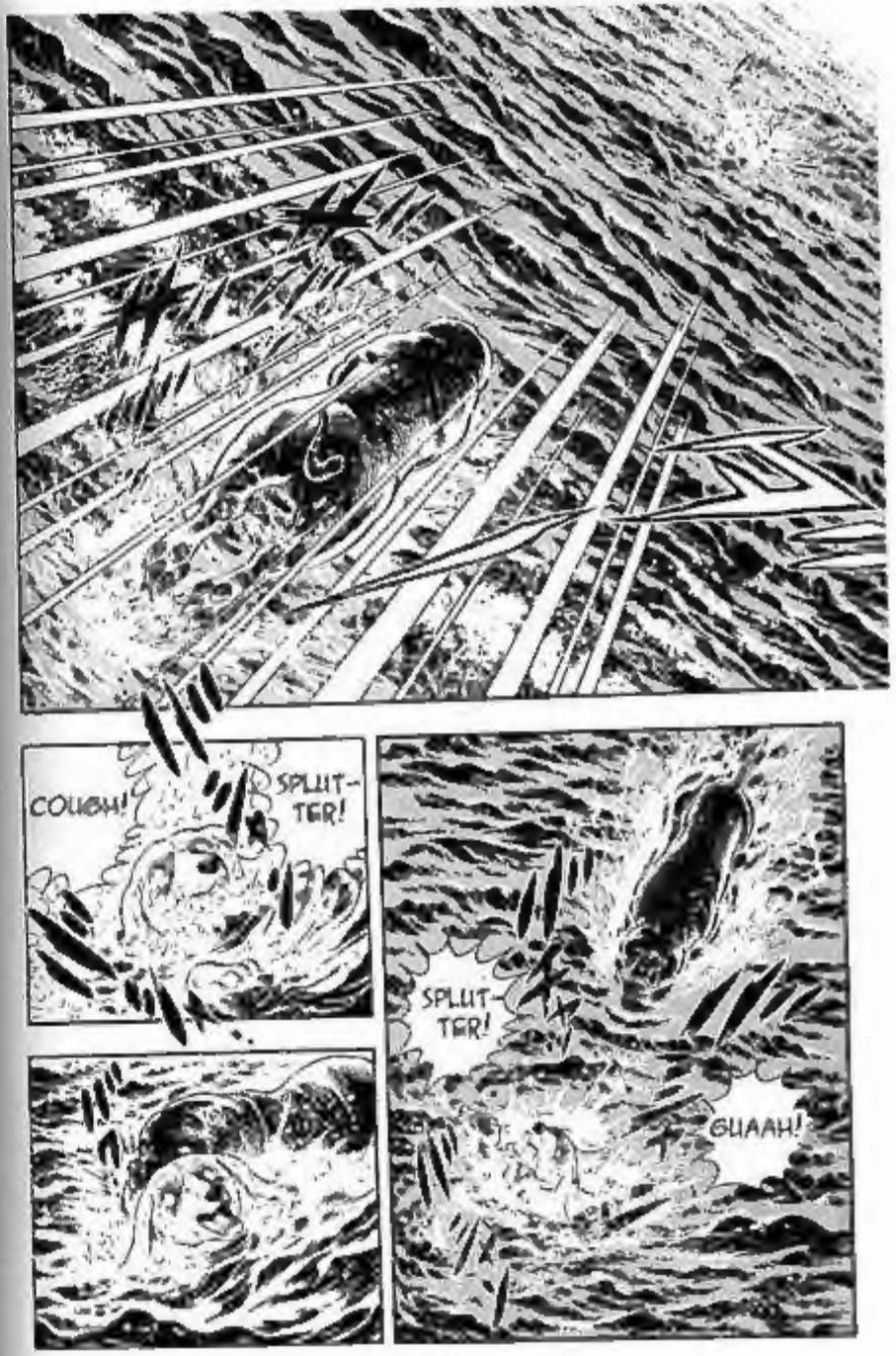
CROSS REALIZED THAT SHE'D REACHED SHIKOKU BY HERSELF
GIN.. GIN..!


BUT, SHE COULD HARDLY SWIM.
CROSS MADE IT TO THE SEA.
GIN, I'LL BE THERE SOON.. PLEASE WAIT FOR ME, GIN!
I CAN'T.. I WON'T DIE!
COUGH!
GASP!

YEAH!
THANKS, COME AGAIN!
I WON'T HAVE TO WORK FOR A MONTH!
LET'S GO GET THAT DOG SOLD
HEH.. I DON'T CARE.
YOU'RE EVIL.. HE GAVE YOU TOO MUCH!
SOUNDS GOOD!
COME TO HONCHU WITH DON AND ME!
YOU CAN COME TOO, TONIGHT!
YOU ASSHOLE, I'M JEALOUS!



I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.. BUT PLEASE, DON'T INTERFERE..
NO MATTER WHAT, I HAVE TO CROSS THE SEA..
THIS IS SHIKOKU LADY!
I HAVE TO FIND MY COMRADES IN SHIKOKU

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